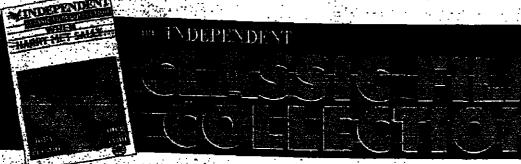
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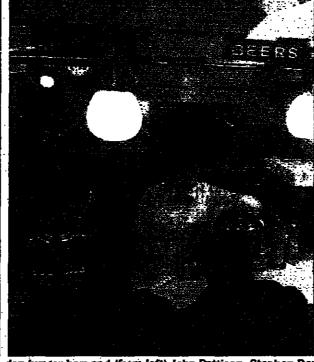


Will our children ever be safe?

Ministers admit possible link between mad cow disease and human deaths

We considered killing all the 11m cattle in the entire national herd'







Meat of the matter. The scene at a Bristol butcher's yesterday, left; diners at a north London burger bar; and (from left) John Pattison, Stephen Dorrell and Douglas Hogg at the press conference to announce the new fears over CJD

DONALD MACINTYRE, LIZ HUNT

Britain was last night facing one of

national berd" - in other words all. the Government's scientific advisers issue specific advice on whether said last night: "We did consider their children should be eating beef. killing off the entire national herd. It would have been an incredible step, but it has always been in the in the farming and beef industries by minds of people dealing with this dis-ease that it might be necessary. The assures — including trough new

cases, then the herd won't survive. The revelation that eating BSE injected beef was the likely cause of death of the 10 people who st public health erises after - suffered CID flew in the face of re-

scientific advice that the risk of eating beef was "extremely small". But ministers will wait until after an one option was destruction of the Government's Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee 11 million cattle in Britain. One of (SEAC) before deciding whether to

Douglas Hogg, Minister of Agri-culture, sought to bolster confidence measures - including tough new ease that it might be necessary. measures - including tough new "If by next year there are 500 CJD curbs on the use of meat in animal

feed. He added: "We believe that beef can be eaten with confidence." Medical Officer - who last night

on the latest scientific findings – said Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of part of a varied and balanced diet.

Mr Dorrell insisted in his statement that there is "at present" no ev-

idence that children are more risk of contracting CJD. But he added: "Parents will be concerned about in-

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plications for their children and I have asked the advisory committee to provide specific advice after their next meeting."

The measures announced by Mr Hogg include a requirement that catthe aged over 30 months must be deboned in licensed plants supervised by the Meat Hygiene Service, and a blanket prohibition on the use of mammal meat and bonemeal in farmers through the Common Agrifeed for all animals in feed for all cultural Policy and the Government farm products. This means that cat-

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tle waste will not be allowed in any feed - including that for poultry. He also said that existing controls in abattoirs and other meat plants

would be more rigidly enforced. He told the Commons he did not believe the findings would "damage consumer confidence and thus the beef market". But he added that financial support was available for would "monitor the situation".

Secretary, welcomed the measures but said public confidence on the issue was "hanging by a thread". Accusing Mr Dorrell of giving "yet more false assurance" by reporting Sir Kenneth's intention to go on eating beef, she pointedly asked whether be and members of SEAC would "in

practice" give their children beef. In emergency sessions last Saturday and again on Tuesday, SEAC from the Edinburgh CJD Surveillance Unit had established that a full review of possible causes "had failed to explain these cases adequately".

Harriet Harman, shadow Health

The report added: "Although there is no direct evidence of a link. on current data and in the absence of any credible alternative, the CJD Surveillance Unit, added: "We

of the Specified Bovine Offal Ban in 1989." The 1989 ban - a direct response to the outbreak of BSE - forbade the use of brain and spinal cord in cattle feed.

Professor John Pattison, chairman of SEAC, said: "We have now arising in 1994 and 1995, 10 cases of a variant of CID that we have not seen before. The incubation period of spongiform encephalopathies is five considered 10 cases of people under 42 who had died from CID. Experts new was happening in the middle of 1995 that would have resulted from exposure in the middle to the late 1980s . . . (This) drives us inevitably to the conclusion that the most likely risk factor for these cases in the middle 1980s, is exposure to BSE. Dr Rob Will, head of the National

Depression leads to painful death

The last painful mouths of Michelle Bowen are typical of those of many of the victims of CJD. From being a fun-loving young mother she became an out of control depressive who had to be locked in her home for her own safety. She died in hospital last November, aged 29, three weeks after her baby son was born by emergency cae-

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, yesterday revealed that scientists had detected a possible link between BSE and the infection of 10 people aged under 42 with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease. The Depart-ment of Health refused to reveal who the 10 victims were but Michelie Bowen is believed to have been among them. Her husband Anthony, 35, said yes-terday that he was considering suing the Government for failing fully to research CJD.

The former butcher's shop assistant, whose husband also worked in an abattoir, began suffering from severe mood and shouting," swings and memory loss during



Peter Hall: Vegetarian victim

the early stages of her preg-

change I thought it was a pre-natal depression," Mr Bowen said. Then things began to get worse and worse. She became what she was doing. One minute she'd be fine and the next she would be screaming

Burning issue

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Tony was born she entered a coma and never recovered. Stephen Churchill, a student. of Devizes. Wiltshire, died in May 1995, aged 19, 12 months after becoming depressed and dizzy. His mother. Dot Churchill, said her son sank into

"When Michelle started to aggressive towards the children and quite often she didn't know

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she left the house with the TV and radio blaring, lights on and

the door wide open. She'd run

into the street and collapse . . .

I had to lock her in the house

so she wouldn't just run off and

tal six weeks before she was due

to give birth but had to be

moved to a side ward because

of her aggression. After her son

a living nightmare of madness

and terrifying hallucinations.

young lad at school. He was do-

ing his A levels and he was in

the Air Training Corps. But

gradually he became very with-

drawn and depressed and the

doctors thought he had a

The once gregarious teenag-

er then began to suffer horri-

teenage depression."

"He was a very out-going

Mrs Bowen went into hospi-

forget where she was."

Mixed fortunes Many of the worst councils in England and Wales improved last year, the Audit Commission said yesterday. But average code of conduct that was pubperformers on the whole did not lished yesterday. But very good teachers will be picked out for improve - suggesting that there understands what a cream's commendation, and there are may be limits to the value of Sun Protection Factor means, also plans to grade all teachers what are in effect the commison a seven-point scale in future. sion's league tables of council

DONALD MACINTYRE and CHARLES ARTHUR

Scientists first began to suspect there was a new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease in 1994 when an 18-year-old was diagnosed as having the disease. The fact that the victim was

unusually young attracted the

attention of the CJD Surveillance Unit in Edinburgh, which later matched it with a growing number of cases in British teenagers. There had previously been only four cases in the world in people aged under 30. The first person to contract CID is still alive. Victoria Rimmer, 18, is on a life-support system in Wrexham Maelor

Hospital, north Wales, and first showed signs of the disease in 1993. CJD was diagnosed by brain biopsy after she fell into a coma, in which she remains. The government's expert ad-

visory panel, the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC), was strengthened in December by specialists with a wider range of knowledge. The work of the surveillance unit also became in-

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View from the meat eaters,

Andrew Marr, page 19

Case that set alarm

ringing for scientists

the butchers, and the breeders; gov-

emment regulations; school meals,

creasingly important. But diagnosing CID is a slow business, requiring a full post-mortem and analysis of brain tissue

But the evidence from the four teenagers who died most recently led Rob Will, the unit's director, to an alarming conclusion - that a new form of CID

had cropped up. SEAC's chairman, Sir John Pattison, realised that the new scientific evidence from Edinburgh was so serious that it advice to give parents.

mine. It was not big enough to

kill him, but the mine blew off

his foot just below the shin, and

sprayed shrapnel up his chest

and into his head, blinding him

in one eye." - Tim McGirk on just one Afghan victim of the

thousands of mines that plague

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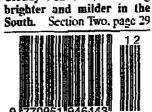
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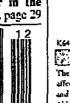
attention of the Government. He convened a meeting of the committee last Saturday to consider the report, and passed on SEAC's conclusions to Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, later that weekend. Ministers were given his sum-

mary on Monday morning. By Tuesday Whitehall went into overdrive as SEAC met until nearly midnight to draft their recommendations - resuming to finalise their report yesterday morning, an effort which left them "exhausted". John Major summoned Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health. and Douglas Hogg, Agriculture Minister, for a meeting at Downing Street - at which it as agreed that a ministerial state-

ment would have to be made. The SEAC papers were then brought to Mr Hogg and Mr Dorrell, already at Downing Street for a Cabinet meeting on electoral strategy. But ministers discussed CJD for almost an hour and approved Mr Dorrell's request to SEAC to consider at its meeting next weekend what

Today's weather Fields of death "The boy stepped on a buried Cloudy and cold, becoming





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and LIZ HUNT

Scientists studying Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease in the field are still deeply divided about whether BSE can be transmitted to humans, and about the potentially terrifying consequences for the popula-

"It's too late for adults, but children should not be fed beef. It is as simple as that," said Stephen Dealler, consultant medical microbiologist at Burnley General Hospital, who has studied the epidemic nature of BSE and its human form. Creutzfeldt-Jakob Diseasc.

He believes that the infectious agent would incubate in children and lead to an epidemic sometime in the next

"Any epidemic in humans would start about 15 years after that in cattle, and about 250,000 BSE-intected cows were eaten in 1990. There could be an epidemic of this new form in the year 2005. These 10 cases were probably infected sometime before the BSE epidemic

His worst case scenario, assuming a high level of infection. would be 10 million people

CHARLES ARTHUR

BSE, which stands for "bovine

spongiform encephalopathy",

is also known as "mad-cow dis-

case". It is a degenerative dis-

case of the brain found in cows.

leading to disorientation fol-

lowed by dementia and death.

Its first recorded occurrence was

How and when did it start?

Scientists are still uncertain

whether it started from feeding

cattle with the remains of sheep

infected with "scrapie" (the

equivalent to BSE), or if it

rare degenerative disease in

humans which leaves sponge-

like holes in the brain, just as

BSE does in cows. The early

signs are confusion, followed by

a rapid descent into dementia.

There is no treatment and it is

Why is there such concern

In the past, CJD only seemed

to affect people very late in life,

arose spontaneously in cows.

mistic scenario of only about 100

But Professor John Bourne. gu who heads the Medical Research Council's neuropathogenesis unit, accepted that while there might be risks through eating beef, they were at worst min-

"No scientist working in this area has ever said that there is no risk, he said vesterday. ·We just don't know what the facts are. The whole point of setting up the CJD Surveillance Unit in Edinburgh was to look for this sort of evidence. If it is found, it can't be

Professor John Pattison, chairman of the Government's expert committee on spongiform encephalopathies, warned that the next 12 months would be crucial in determining if the United Kingdom is threatened with an epidemic of CJD.

He said he wanted doctors to report suspected cases as early as possible to the CJD Surveillance Unit in Edinburgh. "We don't have enough information to make any predictions. A new type of CJD is the most probable explanation, but we

haven't proved it." Professor Bourne added that struck down by CID by 2010. experiments now in progress at ticularly to He thought it was now "too the Medical research Council munity value" to assume the most opti-unit in Edinburgh, to test supporters.

To eat or not to eat - the

facts behind the disease

cases in Britain involving CJD

in both teenagers and dairy

farmers, which stretched coin-

How are BSE and CJD

Both diseases seem to be

caused by changes in a cell-

passed between cattle, until

vesterday the Government had

The number of cattle with BSE

in the early stages of the disease

are there annually? How

fects about one per million

many of CJD?

cidence to its limits.

connected?

on a British farm in Ashford, in membrane protein known as a

farmers were due to BSE, would not produce even preliminary results before Au-

"But I am not aware of any piece of evidence that has been suppressed. And I have no reason to believe that beef - as in cuts of meat - is anything other than safe, And yes, I would allow my grandchildren to eat

However, Professor Richard acey, a microbiologist who has warned of the danger to humans of mad cow disease for the past six years, said he estimated that there will be "between 5,000 and half a million people a year affected by the year

'There is an incubation period of between 10 to 50 years humans. We didn't actually see the number of cases of BSE rise in cattle until the late

Prof Lacey gave up eating beef in 1989, and accuses the Government of putting the financial interests of farmers ahead of public health.

The Government has been deliberately risking the health of the population for a decade. The reason it didn't take action was that it would be expensive and damaging politically, par-ticularly to the farming community who are their

ernment taken to min-

imise the risk to humans

In July 1988 the Government

banned the use of sheep and

cow remains for farm feeds. In

1989 it banned the use for hu-

man consumption of "speci-fied bovine offals" (SBOs),

including the brain, spinal cord.

spleen, tonsils and intestines of

These were the parts judged

veal calves incubate the disease.

most dangerous to eat because

"prion". Although BSF can be all cattle over six months old.

How many cases of BSE Is it safe to eat veal?

The number of cases of BSE ap- and whether they could pose

pears to be falling, while those any risk to humans: but SBOs

has recently risen, though not. It is not thought to, because the

beyond statistical variation. prion protein is not found in

of CJD - which on average af- are not removed from veal.

population in most countries - Does BSE affect milk?

and other species?



Ministers' double act confirms air of fear

STEPHEN GOODWIN

Public confidence in the Government's handling of "mad thread". Harriet Harman. Labour's health spokeswoman, told the Commons as MPs reacted to the new evidence that the disease can enter the human food chain.

Lighting on Sir Kenneth Calman's assertion that he would continue to eat beef. Ms Harman said the real question was whether the chief medical officer would give beef to his grandchildren. She suggested that parents on the spongiform encephalopathy advisory committee had stopped doing so.

The time has passed for false reassurance, said Ms Harman. And she called for an end to the type of photocall made famous by John Gummer of ministers. feeding beefburgers to their always denied that cating BSE- of the likelihood of the BSE infected beef could cause CJD. agent being concentrated there. children.

In an unusual move, two How much British beef is Can any other species Cabinet ministers - Stephen Dorrell and Douglas Hogg -Yes. BSE can be passed to a made separate statements to has fallen since hitting a peak wide range of animals, includ-MPs. Mr Dorrell, Secretary of in 1992, but some scientists es- ing mice, cats, pigs, sheep and State for Health, disclosed that Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease is a timate that thousands of cattle goats. However, in some cases 10 deaths from Creutzfeldtit can only be passed by inject-Jakob Disease - the human slip through checks and enter ing infected material into the the food chain. equivalent to mad cow disease - appeared to be linked to exposure to BSE before the 1989 offal ban. Mr Hogg, agriculture Opinion is divided on whether minister, announced further

> al entering the food chain. Still more unusually, both ministers pointedly refrained from joining the Tory back-benchers in accusing Labour of "scaremongering" and damag-

> action to stop infected materi-

THE COMMONS Blackpool North, asked Mr Dorrell to condemn "extreme anti-farming activists like Ms Harman who are now campaigning to stop children eating meat".

Paul Marland, a farmer and chairman of the Tory backbench agriculture committee, urged ministers not to overreact. Neil Hamilton, MP for Tatton, urged ministers not to forget "the lesson of the salmonella in eggs fiasco some years ago where an incautious word from a minister devastated an industry for no proven benefit to the health of the nation". The refusal of ministers to

play party politics lent weight, the assertion by David Find liffe, Labour MP for Wakefield, of "a growing realisation the Government that could be facing horrific health problems in future years".



ing the beef industry. Harriet Harman: Time Harold Elletson. MP for for false assurances

and Highgate, to give "stronger advice" to schools and parents about the dangers of small children being fed beef, Mr Dorrell said it is precisely because he understood the sensitivity of that issue that he had asked SEAC for specific advice. "I'm a parent of two young children," he reminded the House. He accepted parents would be concerned but said there was no evidence of age sensitivity.

Mr Dorrell said previous scientific advice had been categoric that there may be a link that the

Explaining the need for the new controls and further reunit in Edinburgh on 10 cases of CJD in people under 42 had identified a previously unrecognised and consistent disease pattern. "There remains no scientific proof that BSE can be transmitted to man by beef, but the committee have concluded that the most likely explanation at present is that these cases are linked to exposure to BSE before the introduction of the specified offal ban in 1989."

Mr Hogg assured MPs concerned about the beef market that support mechanisms existed within the Common Agricultural Policy and the situation would be monitored closely. But he said the best opinion the was that beef and beef products could be eaten with confidence

strong to justify a ban. Veteri-

prised to learn about the pending announcement in a newspaper," said the spokesman.

MPs served diet of mad cow and beef-burgher

beaches, covered in green leather, could be said to resemble a verdant pasture - a grassy meadow somewhere in the English countryside. And

Those who represent the agricultural interests of the nation had gathered to hear the worst. The importance of the event BSE entering the human food, at the front. They were all chain. But it is pressely to there: Hezza the secretaries of chain. But it is precisely to there: Hezza, the secretaries of guard against the possibility state for Scotland and Wales,

yesterday that meadow was full

of some pretty unhappy beasts.

From their midst arose the search. Mr Dorrell said work at Health Secretary, to make his the Government surveillance statement about mad cow disease and its possible connection with an appalling human illness, CJD. Yes, it did now seem possible to the scientific advisory group on BSE that some ill-effects might have been caused by beef eaten before 1989. So new recommendations were being made. Behind him listening animals were shifting nervously from hoof to hoof.

But it wasn't the landed element alone that was concerning Mr Dorrell. The Ghost of Gummer was at his elbow. This was the Gummer who, as Labour's Harriet Harman pointed out, had told Britons there was no evidence of a health-risk from beef - and then gone on publicly to force-feed tiny Cordelia Gummer on beefburgers.

Ms Harman's reference to this savoury incident raised a storm of animal noises from the beef-burghers in the Tory enclosure. One MP, Bernard Jenkin (whose wife has shares in Lord Rayleigh's Dairies and Farms) actually made mooing sounds. "Disgraceful," nickered Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman ("149 acre-farm in Norfolk"). One after another scions of dairies, owners of abattoirs and

heirs to estates stood to express alarm at the damage that could now be suffered by the beef industry - with which they were not entirely disconnected. Harold Elletson ("small



Lancashire") asked Mr Dorrell to confirm that "children need a healthy and balanced diet which requires meat. And will he condemn extreme vegetari--an anti-farming activists?"

No. Mr Dorrell had no opinion about vegetarians, which was sensible of him, since there are many more of them in the electorate than there are farm ers. In fact Mr Dorrell had no opinions about anything, he said, having contracted them all out-to scientific experts and advisory committees. "When I am asked whether something is safe," Dorrell replied to another point, "I answer that this is a scientific question, and that I can-

amptoms

Now, this is a hard code to live by, especially if you are -as Mr Dorrell assured us he is - a parent of young children. When a toddler strays close to a pond, one does not usually stop to call a marine engineer. Perhaps that was why it took

two hours to discover whether Mr Dorrell would continue to eat beef. Presumably he had had to telephone a professor of nutritional science. Minister of Agriculture, Douglas Hogg, had no such problem - he had eaten steak the night before "with total confidence". I tried to imagine what it would be like to eat a meal without "total confidence". Then Nicholas Winterton revealed that he, his wife, his children and his six grandchildren would all eat beef together, and I understood perfectly. Oh, and Parliament was told

that the Chief Medical Officer had announced that he too would continue to eat the meat as "part of a varied and bal-anced diet". With greens, car-bohydrates and lashings of anti-biotics, one guesses.

Germany leads way with demand for total ban

IMRE KARACS Bonn SARAH HELM

always fatal.

about CJD now?

Germany was last night considering a total ban on British beef imports following the Commons statement, and pressure was building for the European Commission to put Britain in

We would like to err on the

EUROPEAN REACTION

safe side," Bärbel Höhn, the environment minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, said. "That is why I think that the best solution is to ban British beef from the European Union."

Ms Höhn led the way last month in imposing a unilateral ban on British beef imports. Other German states followed suit, despite warnings from

against European law. In the wake of the admission in Lon-

don that there might be a connection between BSE and CJD, she feels vindicated. "We said here in North-Rhine Westphalia that the trol products that are processed

health of the population must be safeguarded. There was always a question mark over a connection between BSE and Bonn was last night still dipeople's health. The latest news gesting the implications of the

Brussels that their actions were tells us we made the right de-

Since last month, the state has kept butchers' shelves clear of British beef, but some BSE-infected products could still get in. in, say, France, but originate in Britain." Ms Höhn said.

The federal health ministry in

latest development, but is new evidence was sufficiently known to be sympathetic to a cause which some German states have turned into a crusade. The German authorities tried to ban British beef after the first scare, only to run foul of the EU's competition rules.

Now, the European Com-mission is bracing itself for new pressure. However, agriculture officials in Brussels were last night cautious about whether the

nary experts will meet tomorrow. The commission appears to have been angered by the failure of the UK authorities to alert it before the announcement so that full consultations about possible action could have taken place. "We were somewhat sur-



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BEEF AT RISK

Consumer impact: Supermarkets, butchers and burger bars all braced for a sharp fall in multi-million pound sales of meat

Shops and restaurants braced for the worst

scare five years ago, but recov-

ered within nine months. Ow-

ing to previous recovery trends.

the MLC hopes the industry will

cope with the latest scare.

NIGEL COPE and PAUL FIELD

Supermarkets; butchers and burger bars were braced for a sharp fall in beef sales yesterday as British business began to the Government's announcement on BSE

Supermarkets rushed out statements assuring customers about the quality of their beef but are expecting sales to fall as shoppers switch to other meats, such as chicken and pork.

Sainsbury is considering signs in its stores as well as information labels on beef products but said it was too early to make a decision. The supermarket groups have not yet decided whether to reduce the amount of shelf space devoted to beef. Sainsbury said: "Whenever

there is any media coverage of calculate the potential cost of BSE there is a noticeable shift away from beef and towards other meat products. We expect the same to happen this time." The company has briefed its customer-service staff, who expecting a deluge of calls today as customers seek reassurance on beef quality.

Asda said its beef sales had been increasing in recent months but said it was too early to say how the public might of meat being shipped abroad.

react to the new fears. Tesco said its beef sales had dioped late last year but had been recovering. The multi-million-pound

British beef industry admitted that the new evidence could dramatically affect sales which recovered well from previous scares. But the Meat and Livestock Commission (MLC) insisted exports would not be hit hard, arguing that consumer confidence abroad would re-<u>main high.</u>

Last year the industry saw the value of beef exports increase from £440m in 1994 to £520m. which amounts to 277,000 tons

In Britain, the beef industry is worth around £2.3bn to farmers and £4bn on the market. In 1995 Britain consumed 890,000 tons of beef, down by 30,000 on the previous year.

However, sales have slumped with each beef scare since details of BSE emerged in late Eighties and the MLC fears sales will be affected by the latest development in the BSE furore.

A spokesman said: "There is no direct evidence of a link but we are concerned about any adverse effects on trading. Inevitably it could result in some

cies." a spokesman said. The Vegetarian Society pre-Sales fell by 17 per cent foi-

lowing the beef scare before people abandoning meat as a re-Christmas, although February sult of fears over the safety of figures showed a 5 per cent rebeef. covery. Sales plummeted by 20 Spokesman Steve Connor per cent after the major BSE

said one of the growing trends is that people are giving up meat altogether as a result of beef scares, "It is inevitable as beef is traditionally the king of meats." Burger bars are likely to suf-

fer falling sales, though most There have been no signs that French and Spanish conwere insisting yesterday that sumers have any interest in they were not worried by the latthis problem at all. They are satest developments. McDonald's, which has 660

isfied with the work being done outlets in Britain, said it welthrough the veterinary agencomed the Government's moves to tighten controls on the supply and quality of beef. It dicted a rise in the number of

cuts of boneless beef "in which BSE has never been detected".

A spokeswoman for Burger King, which has more than 350 British branches, said it would be looking at the Government's comments but added: "We do not, never have and never will use mechanically recovered meat or offal in any kind of product which were the main worries, so we have no worries

about our burgers. An Aberdeen Steakhouse spokeswoman denied that BSE fears had affected profits, saying that none of the findings were concrete. "I think everyone

stressed that it only used prime takes it all with a pinch of salt. Dewhurst, Britain's largest butchers chain, which was sold to its management last year, is also likely to be affected. The management was not available for comment vesterday.

Many of Britain's largest food companies have been selling their red-meat businesses after falling sales. Hillsdown Holdings, the food group which owns Buxted Chickens, has been expanding its poultry interests and will benefit from the

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lest scare. Unigate, the dairy group. has established itself as Britain's largest pork producer.

Change of diet on cards

SCHOOLS

Despite the Government's refusal to urge schools not to serve beef products, more headteachers are expected to take it off menus, writes Paul Field. Schools in many areas, in-

cluding Essex. Hertfordshire. Lancashire, Surrey and Lincolnshire, already ban it. More than 600 London schools removed beef products from dinners in December. They were acting on advice by the Local Authorities Catering Association. A spokesman said up to 30 per cent of councils had withdrawn beef after pressure from parents. "Even though school meals are in the hands of the private sector, local authorities can exercise their powers to remove certain dishes.

A spokesman for the Association of County Councils said: "It is hard to say at this stage whether all schools will ban beef

but it would not surprise me. Roger Denton, chairman of the Advisory Body for Social Services Catering, is to recommend councils consider withdrawing beef from menus at homes for the elderly, the mentally ill and children in care.

"After the scare before Christmas, the vast majority of local authorities withdrew beef completely. There is a school of thought that people should be able to make a choice of their own but many social services can only afford one choice on a menu. It is of great concern, because it is not long ago we were being told there is nothing to

call for action

Farmers called on the Government to come clean on all its research into BSE amid fears that the disclosure of links between deaths and infected beef will severely affect their liveli-

The National Union of Parmers said public confidence in beef could only be maintained by assurances from ministers, and called on the Government to publish all the advice it receives from experts and to act it on it fully.

Sir David Naish, president of the NFU, said: "Consumer confidence in the quality of the meat they eat is paramount."

He said new evidence of a link between the human form of mad cow disease and BSEinfected beef would have serious implications for cattle farmers and promised to raise the matter with the Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg.

Brian Frith, a Kent farmer whose herd of cattle has never had a case of BSE, said the impact on the beef trade could have been avoided had the Government taken early claims of risks more seriously and set up a programme of slaughtering infected cows. "We do not know if there are risks to humans but infected meat has got into the food chain and beef sales have shimped. All the Government has succeeded in doing is putting the frighteners on the public and threatening

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"daymares" among the family. His condition began to deteriorate. He became confused and told his distraught parents that he was planning to get a job in a local shop - which did not

After he was admitted to a psychiatric hospital and then into a neurological department, his parents were told he was suffering from a progressive, de-generative neurological disease - but nobody would put the name CJD to it. About four months before he died, he started to stagger and it brought back memories of seeing the cows we had seen on the news," Mrs Churchill said.

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The most recent victim was a vegetarian student, Peter Hall, 20, of Co Durham, who died in February after two years of the illness. His parents Derek and Frances Hall, both 48, claim he contracted CJD from eating frightening thing was the simi-nonsense," she said.

larity between his condition WILL BENNETT and disease we have seen cows suffering from. It included the shaking, nervousness and what Hall said. "In 12 months we saw him deteriorate into someone who could not walk, talk or do

anything for himself." The mother of Jean Wake, 38, who died in November 1995, years after working as a meat-chopper in a pie factory, was convinced her daughter's death was caused by eating infected meat and campaigned throughout her illness for the link to be

established scientifically. She received a letter from the Prime Minister last October. which said: "I should make it clear that humans DO NOT get mad cow disease."

Yesterday she said she was bitter and angry. "I said all along it was the beef my Jean worked with years ago which killed her. He said there was no link between mad cow disease and beef for many years. "The most humans but I knew that was-

In the Cock Tavern, in the shadow of the soaring Victoriappear to be hallucinations," Mr an arches which span Smithfield meat market in London, there were no doubts about the safety of beef yesterday.

At the top of the stairs leading down to the cosy basement restaurant a hand-written poster advertised the ultimate challenge, Britain's biggest steak". The 40oz Scotch ribsteak costing £16.50 is no meal for the faint-hearted.

Every day up to 10 people tackle these monsters and most manage to clear their plates to get a well-earned and by then much-needed free bottle of wine. Those who have scaled this carnivorous Everest include Will Carling. But even England's recently retired rugby captain was unable to beat the record held by one man who ate one of the 40oz giants in 13 minutes without requiring the services of Bart's hospital across

Mike Callaghan, owner of the Cock, said that successive health scares about beef have not affected business. He added: "We get people coming in here to have a steak because their wives won't buy beef any more because they are scared to do so. A lot of people round here think that the health scares

are a conspiracy by people with a vegetarian interest. "There is no evidence of BSE in Scotch and Irish herds and that is the beef I buy upstairs. We sell all steer beef and there is no problem with that, the problem is predomi-

nantly in the dairy herds." His customers were similarly confident. Six computer programmers from a nearby company regularly go to the Cock to cat beef and yesterday five tucked into moderately sized steaks while the sixth plumped for beef stroganoff. One of them, Cecil Adams from Surrey, said: "We love beef and we come here for the

But there are fears among the 1,000-strong workforce at Smithfield that yesterday's goverament announcement about new evidence of a link between CJD, the human form of BSE. and infected beef, will further undermine public confidence

and cause jobs losses. Gordon Hogg, a Smithfield meat trader, said: Obviously if there is a problem we all want

to know about it.

unproven link and a lot of people are going to lose their livelihoods if this carries on. John Everett, chairman of the

Smithfield branch of the Transport and General Workers Union, and a porter there for almost 30 years, added: "I have been eating beef all my life and there has never been any inkling of any type of disease being caught from that. I take beef home and we have a roast almost every weekend.

"There are only a few cases of this disease each year and there is no proven link with beef. We have probably got more PETER VICTOR chance of winning the National Lottery than we have of

catching it from beef. We are very depressed about the situation because everyone feels that this is going to have a knock-on effect on iobs in the trade. We always notice a slackening off of demand after these scares."

But among the true believers there will always be a market for beef. At Simpsons, in the Strand, that most traditional of British restaurants, the Union flag fluttered outside yesterday and roast Scotch beef was on the menu at £17.50.

John Hampton, a London businessman, smiled as he emerged after eating beef. "It was wonderful, but then it always is here," he said.

"I don't believe these health stories but, whatever the truth. let's get this in perspective. I smoke. I drink and frankly eating beef is pretty far down the list of habits which are likely to

In future, under government regulations outlined yesterday response to the new findings of the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC), "carcasses from cattle aged over 30 months must be deboned in specially licensed plants supervised by the Meat Hygiene Service and the trimmings kept out of any food-

for deboning

About 4.8 million cattle from Britain's total herd of 11.8 million fall into this category. Most (about 3 million) are dairy rows; the rest are beef breed-

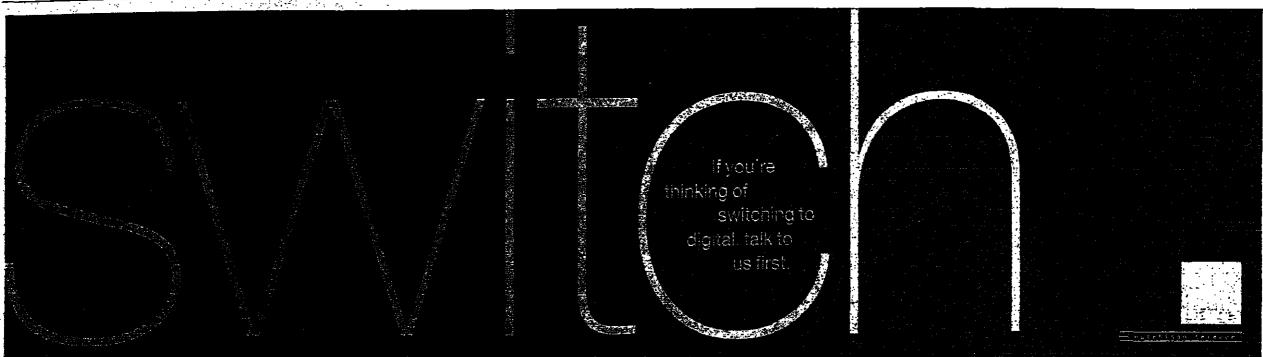
Those doing the inspections - the Meat Hygiene Service are part of a privatised gov-ernment Next Steps agency set up under the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Foods last year. It took over from council environmental health officers who had been responsible for inspecting abattoirs. Its 900 staff include former environ-

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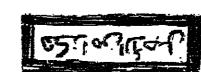
er experts in meat hygiene. The Meat and Livestock Commission pointed out yesterday that most beef joints and steaks sold in supermarkets come from animals under 30 months old. Most older animals end up minced or in processedmeat products.

Another major recommendation is that "the use of mammalian meat and bonemeal in feed for all farm animals be banned". The use of ruminantanimal remains to feed other ruminants was banned in 1988 but the Government does not know how much of these feeds

are given to pigs and poultry. It announced that publichealth watchdogs, in consultation with SEAC, will "have to urgently review their advice in light of the new findings". The final recommendation accepted by the Government yesterday authorises the SEAC "to consider what further research is necessary".



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Political Correspondent

John Major yesterday played the class card, portraying himself as a man of humble origins pitted against a middle-class Labour Party which wants to keep "people without position or money" in their place.

In the first blow of the new Tory strategy for the election, the Prime Minister sought to portray Labour - without mentioning Tony Blair's name - as a party of privileged people who seek to deny privileges to others.

Central to his offensive. which was endorsed by a special Cabinet meeting without civil servants yesterday, was a pledge to extend selection in schools. Tory strategists intend to

contrast Mr Major, a "grammar school boy" who lived in a small flat in Brixton, south London, with Mr Blair, who was educated at private schools and sends his son out of the London borough of Islington to a grantmaintained school.

In a speech to the Social Market Foundation in London. Mr Major returned to themes that he believes won him the last election, identifying with people who want to get on in life. I don't view people without position or money from some lofty pedestal. I was one of them. I remember their hopes and the obstacles in their way."

The Government's plans to extend selective education are. in fact, rather limited - but the Prime Minister clearly hopes to maximise the ideological difference between the parties. He highlighted plans to increase the proportion of children in comprehensives who can be selected on academic ability without seeking government approval

for a change of school status. Mr Blair dismissed Mr Mar's speech in advance, saying he did not believe the Government would win votes by "rushing into selection, by [in effect]

saying we want to go back to the 11-plus". He told BBC Radio: "It's extraordinary that the Prime Minister's only real new idea is greater subsidy through the Assisted Places Scheme for private education."

But Mr Major accused Labour of hypocrisy: "Some people would like to abolish se-lective schools and the Assisted Places Scheme. That's like saying 'we don't want you getting above yourself. It's towering humbug. I do want children to get above them-selves," he said.

He widened the attack on Labour to jobs and taxes. Describing the unemployed as "a nation in their own right", he pointed out that the EU's 18 million unemployed exceeded the combined populations of Sweden, Denmark and Ireland.

He accepted that those who and signing the European Social Chapter "sincercly" want to create jobs. "But wanting isn't doing. It's a sort of wrongheaded picty. It's a mistake the young people of Britain cannot afford, he said.

He claimed the Government was back to a "tax-cutting agenda", and that Labour had not lost its old instincts. Labour said home more of what they carn: "We'll save you the trouble. We'll spend the money for you."

Chris Smith, Labour's social security spokesman, hit back in the Commons by highlighting the Department of Social Security's annual report revealing the rising cost to the taxpayer of welfare benefits. The Government's claim to be able to cut taxes would be unconvincing until it tackled the "massive cost to the taxpaver of the dependency culture the Conserva-

tives have created", he said, The report shows that spend ing on benefits has risen by 32 per cent - taking inflation into account - since 1991.



Bleak outlook: Scott memorial restoration costs are put at £2.5m Photograph: Gary Doak

City may sell off Scott memorial

NIGEL BURNHAM

Edinburgh District Council confirmed yesterday that it was "actively" exploring the possi-bility of selling the world-famous Sir Walter Scott monument on Princes Street.

The council's recreation committee resolved "to investigate and develop options for the future care and preservation of the monument" after learning that the cost of a total renovation would be in excess of £2.5m. Emergency work was carried out on the monument last year after checks revealed that large areas of sandstone

were in a dangerous condition. The council, which has held informal talks with Historic Scotland about the future of the monument, has applied for Na-tional Lottery Heritage funding of £1.8m, but is reluctant to find the rest of the money itself.

One possibility being considered is that the monument could be sponsored. Steve Cardownie, convenor of the recreation committee, said: "I wouldn't want to see it renamed the Scottish Widows Scott Monument or anything like that. But the name of the sponsor could be on entrance tickets, leaflets and such like. I think if the thing was properly renovated and well run, it could be a real money-spinner."

Whatever the council decides to do, it will have to win over its trustees, the legal owners, who include the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the Lord Justice General, the Dean of the Faculty of Advocates and the nearest surviving male descen-

IN BRIEF

Footballers appear in court

Footballers Bruce Grobbelaar, John Fashami and Hans Segers faced allegations of match-fixing yesterday when they appeared in court at the start of a committal hearing. They arrived at East-leigh magistrates court, in Hampshire, to be charged - along with Malaysian businessman Heng Suan Lim - of conspiring together between 1 February 1991 and 15 March 1995 to corruptly give or accept money as inducements to influence the outcome of foorball matches or as rewards for having done so.

Fashanu, 32, the ex-England and Aston Villa striket is charged with corruptly giving Grobbelaar £40,000 for influencing the out-come of the Liverpool v Newcastle United game on 21 November, 1993, which Liverpool lost 3-0. He is also accused of giving Segers, the Wimbledon goalkeeper, £19,000 for improperly influencing the Wimbledon v Liverpool match on 22 October, 1994. Wimbledon lost 3-0. Grobbelaar, 38, and Segers, 33, are charged with corruptly accepting the money. Reporting restrictions were not lifted and bail was granted. The hearing resumes today.

Mental health problems growing

A "dramatic" increase in mental distress and depression has occurred in Britain over the last 50 years with one in four people every year suffering a mental health problem, according to the charity MIND. Their audit on the mental health of the nation shows that six times as many people are being referred to specialist psychiatric services now, compared with 50 years ago.

Beatles put Oasis in the shade

The Beatles are poised to storm into number one spot in the album charts by ousting young pretenders Oasis. Anthology II, released on Monday, is outselling the Manchester band's (What's the Story) Morning Glory? by a ratio of 3-1.

Police appeal over dead baby

Police last night appealed for a mother to come forward after an hours old baby boy was found dead in a carrier bag on a waste burner. The dumped infant, who still had his umbilical cord attached, was found by factory workers in Middlesbrough and is thought to have died due to a lack of medical care at birth.

£130,000 Bounty at auction

A private archive of material about the Mutiny on the Bounty sold for £130,950 yesterday. The 201 lots of books, paintings, and papers sold for well above pre-sale estimates at Bouham's in Knightsbridge, London.

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Dunblane funerals held

The funerals of four more fiveyear-old victims of the Dunblane massacre were held

The funeral of John Petric was held at the small Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Family. Many were in an overflow church hall with more outside in the church grounds to hear the service relayed over a small loudspeaker.

Less than an hour later, other mourners were being told how Victoria Clydesdale begged her mother to let her go to school last Wednesday even though she had a rash. Victoria did not want to miss gym class. The Rev William Gilmour told 300 people at Lecropt Kirk

outside Dunblane. Bouquets and posies formed an array of colour against the

grey walls of St Blane's church. where the funeral of Emily Morton took place. Her mother Kathryn was on duty at Stirling Royal Infirmary when news of the massacre broke.

Two bundred yards away, the funeral of Mhairi McBeath was held at Dunblane Cathedral. Her father Murray, a lecturer in religious studies at Stirling University, died in October.

Phone bills could fall by £80

MARY FAGAN Industrial Correspondent

Household telephone bills could fall by £80 a year within five years following pricing pro-posals from the industry watchdog, Oftel. The clampdown by Don Cruickshank, director general of Oftel comes in spite of BT's opposition and won approval from consumer groups.

Mr Cruickshank said prices could fall by up to 27 per cent in the four years from 1997. A typical household paying £50 per quarter now could be pay-ing £20 less in 2001.

The proposals were attacked as "severe" by BT, which said controls may slash investment and cause more job losses.

buckled under pressure to lift Oftel expects price controls will be abandoned in 2001,

place. The regulator said until that happens, he must listen to the concerns of consumers who have little choice other than BT A National Consumer Council spokeswoman said: "It is good that the regulator has not

the overall cap on BT" BT under pressure, page 20

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Druids' ceremony greets the equinox



gating on Tower Hill in east London yesterday for their annual spring equinox seed-sow-

Also in London on the equinox, when the sun crosses the sphere, was the conference "Sci-

ence and Stonehenge", organised by the Royal Society, English Heritage and the British Academy, which examined the mysteries of the stones on Salisbury Plain. Wiltshire, and was told of research which shows that they are almost 500 years older than

It was thought that the stone circles were built between 2100BC and 1100BC. But using a new method involving mathematical analysis and more precise radiocarbon dating. English Heritage found that the main part, a ditch surrounded by an

from around 3000BC and the stones were put in place between 2550-1600BC.

The conference was also told that astronomical explanations of Stonehenge may be more scientific than archaeologists claim. Dr Clive Ruggles, who

ments of the stones reflected an interest in lanar symbolism while later ones were more concerned with solar symbolism. He said this could help understanding of the shifting belief systems of the site's creators.

Sunbathers kept in the dark over 'safe-sun' advice

GLENDA COOPER

Consumers are confused by information on sunscreen labels and are misunderstanding vital advice about how long they can stay in the sun, according to a new report.

Only one in five buyers understands what a cream's Sun-Protection Factor (SPF) means, and more than half want more information on how to use sun screens, according to a Health Education Authority (HEA) survey carried out by Mori.

Incidences of skin cancer are increasing in the UK and it is now the second most common cancer after lung cancer. More than 40,000 people are diagnosed every year and between 1974 and 1989 the number of new cases reported annually increased by more than 90

About 2.000 people die from skin cancer each year, of which 1.500 die from the most serious form, malignant melanoma the incidence of which is increasing faster than any other kind of cancer in Britain. Sunscreens have been bought

or used over the past two to

three years by 57 per cent of

those polled. But there are significant differences between age groups and sex. Photograph: Dillon Bryden

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bought or used the lotions compared to 49 per cent of men. The higher socio-economic groups are more likely to use sunscreens, and 63 per cent of 15- to 34-year-olds used them compared with 39 per cent of those aged 55 or over.

The main reason given for using sunscreens was to prevent burning or peeling, although over half also mentioned that they wanted to protect them-selves against skin cancer.

The HEA said this finding was "encouraging", suggesting that people are beginning to think of sunscreens as health products rather than as cosmetic aids. But understanding of labelling and technical terms is slight. Almost half of those auizzed thought sun-screen labelling was "too technical and half wanted more information.

Seventy per cent of keen sunbathers said they relied on their cream's SPF rating. However only 20 per cent of those polled understood what

The SPF is the length of time you can spend in the sun without burning, by taking into account your resistance to the sun's rays. For example, if you normally burn after half an hour's sunbathing, using a lotion with an SPF of 20 would enable

you to lie in the sun for that halfhour, multiplied by 20; a total of 10 hours before burning. The HEA called for manu-

facturers to adopt a clearer, simpler form of labelling, and for all containers to contain advice which makes clear that sunscreens by themselves cannot entirely protect against sun damage. Explanations of "safe-sun" behaviour should be included, it said, and advised other means of protection such as avoiding the midday sun and wearing hats and loose-fitting wants manufacturers to consider using a self-by date on sunscreen packaging, and advising how many whole-body applications the pack contains.

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A spokesman for the Cosmetic, Toiletries and Perfumery Association stressed that many sun-screen manufacturers have promoted safe-sun behaviour for several years. He added: Sunscreens are an important part of a total health package aimed at the avoidance of over-exposure to the sun."

Last month two leading caneer charities, the Cancer Research Campaign and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund launched their own sunscreens. with profits being ploughed back to research into the

Film institute to open its archive to nation

MARIANNE MACDONALD

Film buffs will able to watch individual screenings of classic films held by the British Film institute archives in their local town if a lottery bid to the Millennium Fund is successful. The BFI yesterday announced plans to allow public

access to its archive of 275,000 films, television programmes, documentaries and newsreels dating from 1895 via a group of 25 regional screening centres. an hour to browse the BFI

its image and offer a less London-centred service, "We have this wonderful resource but we have been a little aloof from our public and rather

Animators'

Disney deal

Two British animators have

signed a multi-million pound

under-appreciated as a result," Will Stevenson, director of the BFI, said.

The institute has applied for £20m to fund the Imagination Network, a partnership project between BT, IBM UK and Microvitec, a British multimedia company. The BFI will connect 25 regional universities, film theatres and arts centres to its main archive in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, over a fibre optic broad band network.

The public will pay £5 to £10 The Imagination Network is archive or choose to see a parfirst, the BFI will offer 2,000 British films and television programmes which will have to be digitised for the purpose.

our whole collection," Jane Clarke, assistant director, said.

The BFI has also asked the National Heritage Fund for £40m to digitise its archives and £10m to expand the Museum of the Moving Image (Momi). It also hopes for £10m from the Arts Council to build London's first Imax large-screen cinema.

The idea is that Momi will be updated with material from the past 15 years when the institute clinches a West End site for the National Film Theatre, now at the South Bank. This is intended to open in a year. Disuse of the Rialto cinema in Piccadilly, central London.

The BFI said the new plans would affect 140 of its 520 staff.

Eventually we will digitise But many could be redeployed. Award for architect of tallest building

deal with Disney on the strength Harry Seidler is one of only a few Australian architects known of one 90-second cartoon, writes Marianne Macdonald. Disney executives were so impressed by David Stoten's and Tim Watts's short film The Big Story they have offered them a contract to make two full-length cartoon films. Each feature could cost up to £20m and the first may not be finished until

2000, Mr Watts said yesterday. Mr Watts, 30, from Castle Donnington, Leicestershire; and Mr Stoten, 33, from Luton, Bedfordshire, learned their skills at the Spitting Image stu-dios in London, where they started out making puppet heads for the series.

JONATHAN GLANCEY

beyond professional circles outside the Antipodes. Yesterday it was announced he was the recipient of this year's prestigious Royal Gold Medal for Architecture, chosen on the Queen's behalf by the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Seidler, an Austrian by birth, has built many tall, tough con-crete office towers of great structural rigour but little inherent beauty over the past 30 years. But his latest design, a 500-metre high skyscraper in Melbourne, will be the world's tallest building.

The Grolo Tower is the pin-nacle of a 50-year career. Seidler came to Britain from Vienna before the outbreak of the Second World War, but was interned. He sailed to Canada where he began his studies. moving to Harvard where he was taught by the former Bauhaus masters Walter Gropius and Joseph Albers. On graduation he went to

work as chief assistant to the Hungarian architect Marcel Breuer in New York. Most of his work has been in Australia. Seidler is at present working on a "self-contained community" on the banks of the Danube outside Vienna: 60 years on, he has returned home.

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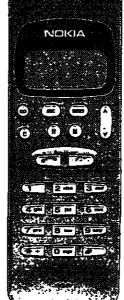




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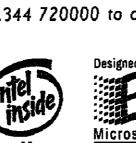
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Worst teachers to be rooted out by inspectors

Education Correspondent

Head teachers will be given the names of incompetent staff by schools inspectors under a new code of conduct published yesterday. But very good teachers will be picked out for commendation, and there are plans to grade teachers on a sevenpoint scale.

Although the identification of weak teachers will not auto-matically lead to sackings, the chief inspector of schools. Chris Woodhead, said he did not believe they should be in the pro-

Figures published by Ofsted. the school inspection body, sug-gested that 15,000 of Britain's 400,000 teachers were seriously underperforming. Plans to identify them were unveiled by John Major in a speech to head teachers last autumn.

Under the new code for inspectors, all teachers given grades six or seven on a sevenpoint scale will be reported to the head. Those achieving grades one or two will also be mentioned as having performed particularly well. Inspectors used to judge each school department but did not pass on the grades of individual teachers.

Mr Woodhead said the criteria used to identify poor teachers were "pretty damning", though the inspectors' report on its own would not be sufficient to justify dismissal.

"On the evidence of the in-

inspector, if my child were to be exposed to such teaching," he

A teacher given grade six or seven would give badly planned lessons with little purpose or discipline, in which expectations were low and in which pupils learnt little. Mr Woodhead said. In some cases the teacher might not even have the appropriate knowledge or skills.

Conversely a good teacher, graded one or two, would have sound subject knowledge, high expectations, good classroom discipline and effective planning. He or she would use homework to reinforce what had been learned in lessons.

Mr Woodhead said that very poor teachers should be given six or nine months to improve. If inspectors returned to the school to find them still underperforming, the head's judge-ment would be called into question, he said.

There was little chance that the best teachers would be rewarded with a pay rise, as few schools had embraced the idea

of performance-related pay. Few head teachers welcomed the move. John Dunford, head of Durham Johnston School in Co Durham and president of the Secondary Heads' Association, said it might actually prevent some bad teachers from



How to spot a bad teacher The Government's chief schools inspector Chris Woodhead today explained how his own inspectors would spot the teach-

ers they would report to heads for poor performance

Their lessons would be badly planned with "little purpose" Children would not know what they were being expected to

■ Lessons would be ill-disciplined and "chaotic" ■ Teachers would show they had little knowledge or under-

standing of the subject they were supposed to be teaching.

They would have low expectations of the children. They would not be stretching them or expecting them to do good work!

Teachers would probably not be using an appropriate range of teaching methods

 Children would either be left completely on their own to get on with their work, or the teacher would be standing at the from of the class simply lecturing at them. In either case, the children would be likely to be bored and not learning very much."

Shake-up Students of exams urged

while they are still at primary school, the head of England's biggest education authority said last night, writes Fran Abrams.

Tim Brighouse, Birmingham's chief education officer and a leading adviser to the

Labour Party, called for pupils to take exams when they were ready rather than at a set age. Four pupils from an inner-city primary school in Birmingham

had passed GCSE maths last year and another 650 in the city were capable of doing the same, Professor Brighouse said. No child should be held back, but, on the other hand, none

should be made to take exams they were bound to fail, he said in a lecture to the Royal Society of Aris.

Birmingham is planning to set up a "children's university" to stretch particularly gifted students. Schools will be able to refer such pupils to the university so that they can receive more advanced tuition.

However, Professor Brig-house said slower pupils should not be made to sit GCSE exams before they were ready. "Passing exams is important: it boosts anyone's self-confidence. Failing has the reverse effect."

who shun Oxbridge

Thousands of children are capable of taking GCSE exams while they are still at primary school, the head of England's biggest education authority said ishing its entrance exam. university officials said yesterday, writes Judith Judd.

Cambridge abolished its entrance exam in 1987 because it wanted to bring in more pupils from state schools who might not be equipped to prepare them for a special exam.

The number applying to Cambridge this year is up - the

crease - but the proportion of state and independent pupils admitted is the same. Yet 69 per cent of students with top A-level grades are from state schools.

Oxford University is to abolish its entrance exam from this autumn for similar reasons.

Entrance to Cambridge is highly competitive. More than 90 per cent of those accepted get at least two grade As and a B at A-level, About 3,000 with three As are turned down.

Susan Stobbs, chairwoman of the University Admissions Fo-rum, said: "We are trying to dis-pel some of the myths about Cambridge, both the idea that we are 90 per cent public school and that we are biased against independent schools."

DAILY POEM

Norooz (New Day)

By Omer Khayyam and Hafiz of Shiraz

The New Year breeze is sweet upon the rose's cheek, In the vast meadow fair is the hearts-enflamer's face, The day that is passed was bad, whatever you can say, Be merry and do not talk of yesterday, today is good.

Oh heart awake! A messenger approaches Whose healing breath like the Messiah's Hath the fragrance of the Beloved.

Today is the Spring Equinox, when the sun crosses the earth's equator and enters the constellation of Aries, writes Shasha Guppy. It is also the Persian New Year. From time immemorial ancient Zoroastrians celebrated the end of winter and the arrival of a new season of fertility and abundance. They called it Norooz, which means "the new day" and it survived into the Islamic period as a festival and annual commemoration of Jamshid, the most famous mythical Persian king and inventor of wine. Persian poets have always evoked Norooz as a symbol of hope and renewal, a time when old sorrows are forgotten and love blossoms, when nature's resurrection is reflected in the human heart and soul.

"It is perfectly possible for professional performance. I them to escape the inspectors would be deeply unhappy as a notice and then to use that as parent, let alone as chief a reason why they should not be subject to competence procedures. This is a thoroughly bad measure." he said.

Michael Russell, head of Malmesbury Junior School in Tower Hamlets, east London, said heads should already know how teachers were performing.

Mr Russell has taken informal competence proceedings twice against members of his own staff. However, both left for other jobs. "If Ofsted came to me and said a teacher was performing at grade six or seven l would already know," he said. Labour has already put for-

ward similar proposals which would allow inspectors to report on weak teachers.



Golden touch: The craftsman John Bradner regilding a carving as part of the restoration of religious figures and a crucifix designed by Sir Ninian Comper in 1910 which were badly damaged in a blaze at St Michael's church, in Newquay, Comwall, in 1993

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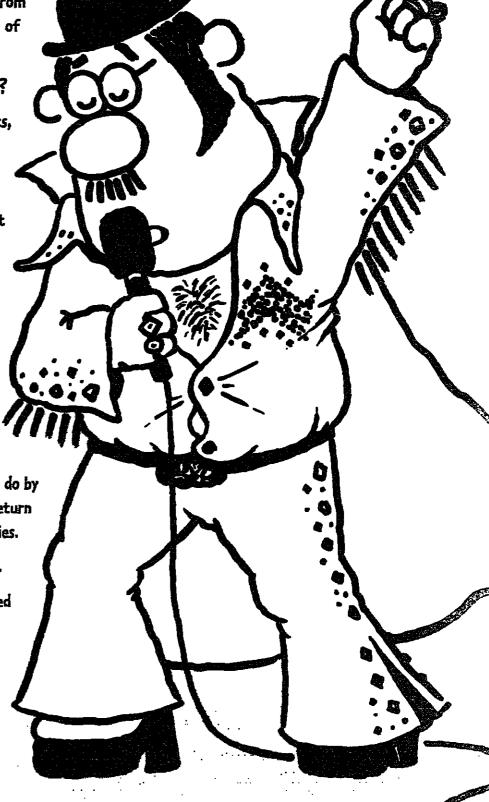
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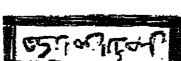


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Legal threat to home-owners

not telling buyers that they have argued with neighbours. solicitors warned vesterday.

Homeowners who do not reveal details about complaints when selling could face compensation claims after the case of a 79-year-old widow left facing bankruptev when she was sued for misrepresentation. Violet Lamb had not told the

nurchasers of her home at Portsmouth of two letters of complaint she had written about her neighbour, who repaired cars in his driveway. She now faces bankruptev after being or-dered to pay £30,000 compensation and costs to the couple who bought the house in 1988.

Duncan Johnson,a conveyancing expert for Churchers solicitors, in Fareham, Hampshire, said the case had huge im-plications. "Almost any dispute, from boundary questions to kering with cars, has to be revealed." The basis of the claim against Mrs Lamh was a scheme

The way is open for thousands introduced by the Law Society of house sellers to be sued for in 1990 called Transaction, in which vendors filled out a property information form which asks about disnutes.

Graham Harris, of the National Association of Estate Agents, said: "This form has proved a nightmare. Very often people approach them in a light-hearted way and are not added: "I think the sentence against Mrs Lamb is very unfair I cannot believe this was the intention of the Law Society when it introduced the forms.

pay the couple to whom she sold four-bedroom house £15,000 costs and £15,000 compensation for loss of money and distress caused. The couple claimed that the noise from next door was intolerable and that they were forced to move out in 1994, selling at a loss.

Mrs Lamb was ordered to

of the Law Society, said: "There has always been an obligation to answer any questions you are asked accurately and honestly."



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Worst councils show signs of improvement

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NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

Many of the worst councils in England and Wales improved their performance last year, the Audit Commission said yesterday as it produced the second annual set of indicators of local authority performance. But average performers on the whole did not improve,

suggesting there are limits to the value of league tables of council performance. The figures provide a comparison between councils and for some services provide a

comparison for the first time of how well a council did in 1994-95 compared to the previous year. Northampton, for example, slashed 11 weeks off the time it took on average to re-let a council house, turning it from the worst-performing district in the country to an average one.

Hackney equalled that. But its 11-week reduction still left it with the worst performance of any council in England and Wales. The London borough takes six months on average to re-let its empty homes

Middlesbrough slashed its having a quarter of its tenants more than 13 weeks behind the worst district performance last year - to around 10 per cent. And Selby, in Yorkshire,

moved from a little lower than average last year to the bottom Some good performers also

slipped. Liverpool saw its record for preparing draft statements of special educational needs on best rate in the country last year, to 43 per cent, a steep decline.

Councils will face hard questions over the findings. Con-servatives were delighted that Labour-controlled Manchester was the highest spender per head outside London. It had lection records, the worst record rent arrears, moving from for planning applications, recycled less household waste than the year before and had the second-worst record outside 13 weeks in arrears. Manchester was below average in the

houses and performed abysmally in preparing special educational needs statements. Labour was pleased that Westminster and Wandsworth, time slip from 95 per cent, the the two Tory flagships, proved to be average-to-good rather than outstanding performers,

contributed to improvements by the worst councils, the commission believes. "People do not bottom," Andrew Foster, the controller of the Audit Commission, said yesterday. The public "didn't want excuses" about poor services. "They want London of tenants more than to know what is going to happen to improve them Local authorities which pertime it took to re-let council

form around the average ought to be more ambitious, he said. Small differences in performance can produce big results ." A 1-per-cent improvement in collecting the council tax can provide 40,000 hours of home help in a metropolitan authority. Some councils use the in-

with Westminster recording

high costs for some services.

Last year's tables may have

dicators to set targets for themselves - an approach the others should adopt, Mr Foster added.

Roger Freeman, Minister for Public Service, said the figures meant "local government has cient. Frank Dobson, Labour's confirmed Labour would continue the indicators if it wins power, "beefing up" the Audit Commission's powers to intervene where councils fail to improve services.

David Rendel, the Liberal Democrats' local government spokesman, said he was "particularly pleased" the coun-cils which recycled most waste were controlled by his party. Local Authority Performance Indicators, Volumes 1 and 2, Audit Commission, HMSO. £7

Rises in council tax to average 6.2%

JOHN RENTOUL

The average council tax bill for a middle-priced band D house will be £647 for the new financial year starting next month a rise of 6.2 per cent - David Curry, the local government minister, announced yesterday.

Labour accused the Government of driving up council tax to pay for the 1p income tax cut announced in last November's Budget, Frank Dobson, Labour's environment spokesman. said: "Their Budget deci- servatives," he said.

sion to reduce the grant to local councils means that in most parts of the country, peo-

ple face a council tax increase." The Conservative Party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, said the figures showed huge ris-es under Labour-run councils. "Council taxes are rising so much this year because they are set by Labour and Liberal Democrat politicians. These rises are unacceptable. Band for band, Labour politicians have set their council taxes almost 50 per cent higher than Con-

Labour responded by accusing the Tories of rigging the formula for allocating central government money to councils, producing rival figures to show that 19 out of 20 councils would not have to charge any council tax if they received the same

high level of grant as Tory flag-ship Westminster city council. They'd be able to pay out rebates instead. In Tamworth the rebate would be over £900," said Mr Dobson, referring to the main town in the Staffordshire South-East constituency where a by-election is due on 11 April.

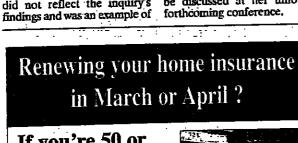
David Rendel, Liberal Democrat local government spokesman, criticised the Goverrument for using band D as the average. Most properties are in bands A to C. "We always knew that council tax rises this year would be well above the rate of inflation." He also said councils had done well to hold rises down below Treasury expecta-

tions of an 8 per cent increase. The Government's figures do not take into account council tax benefit or transitional relief paid to councils to cushion changes in the system.

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Unionists warn of 'brick wall' over Irish polls

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

The Ulster Unionists last night warned the Government it would run into a "brick wall" of hostility with its attempts to reach a compromise on elections to bring all the parties to the negotiating table by the

deadline of 10 June. The Government was pressing ahead with its compromise plan in the hope that the hostility will fade, and that IRA will be persuaded by Sinn Fein to restore the ceasefire. The plan is to be put to the Cabinet for approval today and a statement is expected in the Commons.

Underlining the trouble the Government is facing, Whitehall sources said last night the statement could be followed by a more-detailed note on the form the elections will take, and consultations will continue on the groundwork paper issued last week, which made it clear that if no progress is made on decommissioning of weapons by the IRA, this would not be allowed to hold up debate on

Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign

CHRIS BLACKHURST

Westminster Correspondent

Civil servants were upset at

being required to draft inaccu-

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tion, the trade union for senior

Whitehall officials, said her

members had "expressed dis-

quiet with the way in which

press notices were drafted on

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Ms Symons was giving evi-

dence to the Public Service Se-

lect Committee, at the first

session of its own inquiry into

Scott. Asked if civil servants had been asked to go beyond their

did not reflect the inquiry's

Scott inquiry report".

MPs were told yesterday. Liz Symons, general secretary of the First Division Associa-

Officials' anger at Scott duties

the Scott arms-to-Iraq report, officers who co-ordinated the

tionalist concerns about the British compromise in a meeting in Belfast with Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

It also emerged last night that there was backtracking by Dublin on the idea of a peace referendum on both sides of the border at the same time as the elections to the forum. There were strong hints at Westmin-ster that the Irish government had gone cold on the idea of the referendum because it would duplicate the elections.

John Major said the election plan would require the broad support of all the parties, but hints of the likely compromise had succeeded in uniting the parties against it.

Leaders of the Ulster Unionists will put the election plan to a meeting of the 600-strong Ulster Unionist Council in Belfast on Saturday, but senior members of the party in Westminster said last night that the compromise was unacceptable and warned they could help to bring down the Government. "The Government will hit a brick wall with this compromise," said

civil service politicisation. The

FDA confirmed that was the

case yesterday. However, the union stressed that no formal

complaints had been made by

its members - possibly because

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exercise do not come within its

had still not received assurances that no civil servants will be dis-

ciplined over Scott. Despite

ministers having absolved them-

selves of any blame, Ms Symons

said the Government was re-

fusing to rule out action against

The FDa admitted the Scott

report had forced its members

to think hard about issues of re-

sponsibility and accountability

thought there was now a need

for a Civil Service Act setting

to what exactly the new legis-

lation would contain. It would

be discussed at her union's

She was less sure, though, as

out officials' duties.

and the duty to serve the pub lic interest. Ms Symons said she

those officials criticised.

Union officials told MPs they

William Ross, the Ulster Unionist MP for Londonderry East. "They have tried to offer something to everyone and failed to win over anyone."

In spite of the opposition, ministers believe the main parties will not boycott the elections. Labour's Northern Ireland spokeswoman, Mo Mowlam, proposed the hybrid system in the Independent on Sunday, and the Government is likely to count on Labour support. But some Tory MPs are warning they will vote against the Government on the legislation to set up the elections, if the Unionists remain opposed.

The British compromise is intended to meet the Ulster Unionists' demands for the elections to be based on the 18 constituencies in Ulster, electing about 90 members to a foteams will be appointed.

Whitehall also accepted the Unionists' demands for the forum to run alongside the negotiating teams. This was opposed by Dublin, which feared it would become a delaying tactic for the Ulster Unionists to keep talking.



Shadow leader: Tony Blair at a small business conference in London where he said Labour would set a 30-day limit for government departments to pay bills, and also

require big companies to pay interest on overdue payments

Ombudsman flays Whitehall over staff cuts NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor The Government's dramatic reduction in civil-service numbers is likely to lead to more complaints and more maladministration, William Reid, the Ombudsman, said yesterday as he reported another record year for complaints. At the same time, privatisation and the contracting-out of civil-service functions risks depriving citizens of their right to have complaints investigated. Complaints rose by 70 per cent in two years to 1,706, and are forecast almost to double to 3,300 in 1998, says the Om-

budsman's annual report. Since 1992 the Government has slashed civil-service numbers from 550,000 to below 500,000 and more big cuts are planned. -Reductions in staff numbers.

organisational changes and new working practices will continue for some time to place individual civil servants under stress." Mr Reid said.

There is a risk that fewer staff will lead to both slower service to the public and to more mistakes, because civil servants will have less time for thought to enable them to pursue considered and prudent action. I doubt whether automation and technology will compensate fully for cuts in human resources."

His warning came as almost all departments and agencies are facing staff cuts or freezes. and the Department of Social Security - Mr Reid's biggest customer, accounting for aimost half the 1,700 complaints he received last year - plans cuts aimed at increasing its elliciency by 25 per cent over three years. A service already subject to much criticism may bee ime

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"even less good", he said. Already social security appeal tribunals were being postponed because government presenting officers were failing to turn up on the day, he said.

Contracting-out is taking some services outside his remit. Mr Reid added - Job Clubs, for example, and television licensing, which is now a matter for

While complaints did not have to be investigated by his office, Mr Reid said, an assessment was needed of whether proper methods remained for investigating complaints and

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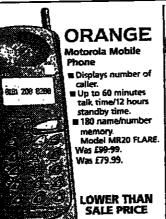
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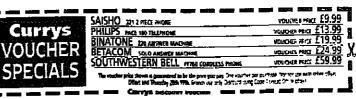
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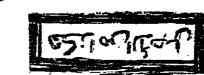
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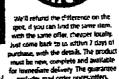






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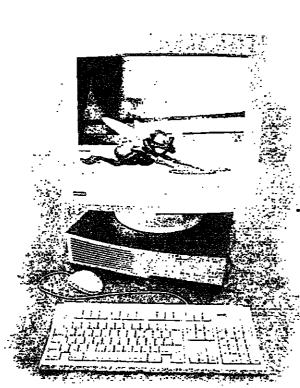
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· Bosnia's old enemies share uneasy peace

Dobrinja, Sarajevo

The two men walked in the sunshine along opposite sides of Miroslav Krleza Street, a broad avenue lined with razor wire and buildings shattered by shells. Both lived in Dobrinja, the front-line Sarajevo suburb built for the 1984 Winter Olympics. and both were forced by war to move to a stranger's flat sever-al hundred yards from their

Both see a future for a peace-ful Boshia; one is a Muslim, the other a Serb and the central reservation in Miroslav Krleza Street marks the boundary between the Muslim-Croat Federation and the Srpska Republic, the entities that now make up Bosnia.

The worst people on that side are the peasants — we're good friends with the people-who lived here," Sudo said, gesturing towards the Serbian side. Across the street, Mirko. Zelimirovic, had similar views: He also blamed outsiders -Muslim refugees "cleansed" from rural eastern Bosnia - for the war. He said reunion would be possible "if there is peace and no provocations".

A couple of blocks away, the new border deviates from the front line to give the Federation a few buildings formerly on the Serb side. The division looks absurd. A metal peg on the grass verge marks the boundary, and six-year-old war there will be no reinte-twins, Srdjan and Sladjan, strad-gration of Bosuia." dle the line that now runs through their father's flat. The kitchen is in the Federation but the china cupboard is in the Srpska Republic," their father,

"I feel bad about it, but what can I do? Living together will

working to get people togeth-er again, but it's impossible." There is no alternative to a life involving some sharing. Nobody but a few politicians and modation with the enemy, and many black-marketeers wants to

"We can forgive, but we can't forget," Sudo said. "But those peasants will leave and that will make life here in Dobrinja more normal."

Mr Zelimirovic also wants to see the outsiders - the Muslims from Srebrenica, Zepa and Gorazde - leave. But his leaders want racial purity, and seem certain to block the return of Muslim refugees to land now held by the Srpska Republic.

The issue of refugees, and the impossibility of their return to land across the line - will fester in post-war Bosnia, as the dispossessed demand compensation and the urban population become angry about the changes made to their cities by

Partition also brings the prob lem of economic survival; nei-ther entity is large or rich enough to survive in isolation. see my friends who are staying

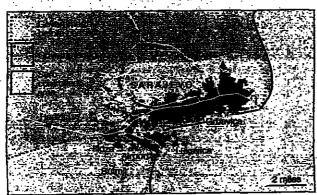
I mean my Muslim friends,

Momcilo Mandic, an adviser to
the Serb leader, Radovan
Karadzic, said shortly before the Serbs withdrew from the suburb

"I think we'll have peace, that we will trade together. But it won t be the same as before the There are some dissenters.

"I'm pro-Bosnia, I'm a Serb, but that's how I feel," said Marija Stanivuk, a fur-clad blonde walking her terrier through the streets of Grbavica hours after the Federation take-over.

"I helped people regardless of their nationality, and I saw what went on here," she said firmly. "I'm really happy today



IN BRIEF

Winnie weighs an appeal against divorce

Johannesburg — Winnie Mandela said yesterday she was considering appealing against the court ruling on Tuesday granting President Nelson Mandela a divorce. Mrs Mandela did not show up in court for a financial settlement hearing, so the judge threw out her claim for half of her husband's assets. The President later offered an unspecified out-of-court settlement. He also said in court papers that he has already contributed more than 3 million rand (about £500,000) to his ex-wife's "well-being". AP

Dozens die in Christian rebel rampage

Kampala — Christian fundamentalist rebels killed 34 civilians and kidnapped 58 in attacks 230 miles north of Kampala on Tuesday. The raids brought the number of people killed by the Lord's Resistance Army in the north this month to 216. Remer

Socialists quit assembly over jail term

Paris - French Socialists stormed out of the National Assembly in a fresh clash with the government over a harsh sentence passed on their former party treasurer, Henri Emmanuelli, for handling illicit campaign funds. The party has launched a campaign to try to quash the suspended jail term which bans him from holding public office for two years.

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Deathtrap disco owners face charges

Manila — The Philippine government barred owners of a disco where 151 revellers died in a fire from leaving the country and threatened criminal charges. President Fidel Ramos said negli-gent officials could be charged with reckless imprudence resulting in multiple homicide.

Sudan leader crushes poll unknowns

Khartoum - All supporters of Sudan's Islamic leader, Lieutenant General Omar al-Bashir, swept to power as expected in parliamentary elections, initial results showed. Gen Bashir, who took power in a 1989 military coup, faced 40 largely unknown opponents in the vote for president. He was expected to win outright when counting is finished from the 6-17 March vote.

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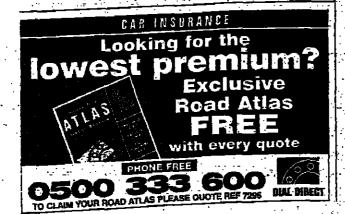
Finns put air force jets on sale to public

Helsinki — The Finnish armed forces are putting about 60 used fighter aircraft, including Russian MiGs and Swedish Drakens, on sale to the public. Some might be sold to amateur pilots, although the operating cost — about £1,400 an hour — would limit demand. Weapons would not be supplied.

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Poisoned turtle kills 21 in Zanzibar

Dar Es Salaam - Twenty-one people have died on the Zanzibar as Sanam — Iwemy-one people have then on the Zanzi-bari island of Pemba this week after eating poison turtle meat; state-run Tanzania radio said yesterday. The death toll could rise because another 13 victims in hospital are reported to be in a critical condition.



because what happened here is their land in northern and east-

Most Bosnians know that survival depends on an accommoney, perhaps, will rebuild links. That is the optimistic view.

Muslims viciously expelled from

Washington — US intelligence services are warning that without a speed-up of economic aid, Bosnia will probably fall

Rupert Cornwell. In a leaked report, General Patrick Hughes, head of the Pentagon's Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) described as 'dim" the prospects for "the existence of a viable, unified Bosnia" once the Nato deploy-

ern Bosnia, and among Serbs who feel cheated by an international conspiracy. The Mus-lim-Croat federation, is a shot-gun marriage. While Nato troops remain, war is unlikely. On the dark side, the hatred but the price of long-term union will last for generations among may be billions of dollars.

US issues aid warning

ment is over. The goals of the warring parties "have not fundamentally changed" despite the Dayton peace accord last November, he says.

If he is right, then the Clinapart as soon as Nato peacekeeping forces leave, writes

ton administration may come under intense pressure from its European allies to prolong the stay of US soldiers in Bosnia beyond the existing 12-month deadline, and demands at home to step up the re-armament of



Taking stock: A Bosnian passing an I-For checkpoint as he enters Grbavica, a former Serb area Photograph: Reute

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ANDREW GUMBEL Bologna

Michael Portillo would not go down very well in Bologna. For a start, nobody has heard of the SAS around here, much less learned to fear it. As for his stiffnecked line in Euro-scepticism, that would meet only stares of incomprehension.

It is hard to imagine a country more pro-European than Italy, and it is hard to imagine an Italian city more pro-European than Bologna. Here, they cheer for Maastricht, the IGC. the single currency and all the rest with a fervour that seems almost suspicious until one looks more closely.

Bologna is a flourishing, rich and happy city, with the wild Appenines on one side and the lush Po valley plain on the other. Historically, it has had strong links with Europe through the famous university. It is well-run under a left-wing municipal administration that has been in power since the war. The regional economy is booming. thanks in part to a healthy export trade in prestigious local products, such as Parmesan cheese and Ferrari sports cars.

The royal pain in the lives of most Bolognese is the Italian government, which taxes them too much and squanders the proceeds through incompetence and corruption. Europe, in contrast, promises fewer obstacles to economic prosperity and greater efficiency. It is simple: more government from Europe means less of the dis-

"If we are more enthusiastic about the European Union than the British, it's because we

The chubby man on the podi-

um addressing an election ral-

ly in the university square, in

Heidelberg, struggles to raise his

booming voice above the ca-

cophony of whistles and boos.

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'What about jobs. Helmut?'

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Chancellor Helmut Kohl

ploughs on, unruffled by this un-

expectedly hostile reception at

his Alma Mater. "We are Ger-

mans, we want to remain Ger-

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Europeans and European

jobs, but there is no place in his

He talks of war and peace and



governed better, then it can only do us a favour," explained Tania Giacobini, a manager with a ce-

just north of Bologna. Search for a hint of Euroscenticism beneath the surface and you search in vain. After all, what is there to lose? National sovereignty? That's a good joke, with clowns running the show in Rome. A strong sense of national identity? Not in Italy, which has only been a nation for 130 years and has never entirely got used to the idea, associating strong nationhood with the Fascist period. The lira? Get serious. The Italian currency is so unstable it is outclassed by

Our problems are national problems, not European ones," said Leo Bertozzi, the export to Brussels, producers no longer

tistic. Until recently, European in-

tegration was recognised by every mainstream political par-

ty as the greatest national goal.

Now all that has changed in the

southern state of Baden-

Württemberg and its pic-

turesque university town. In

Sunday's elections to the Land

assembly, the region's voters are

being asked to choose between

the European dream and the vi-

sion of a new economic miracle.

manager for the Parmesan mak- have to seek bealth certificates ers' consortium, based up the road in Reggio Emilia. "There's no point us worrying about the consequences of a single currency when we don't even have a reliable postal system.` Parmesan makers have done

well out of Europe, not only because the single market has made foreign sales easier (Spain, for example, imposed tariff barriers on cheese imports until 1989) but also because the Commission has protected Parmesan and other specialised products from cheap imitations.

Already, several British supermarkets have removed 'grated Parmesan" labels and renamed their low-price plastic tubs "grated Italian cheese". will be illegal in the EU to describe cheese as Parmesan if it is not made according to the traditional recipe in the Emilia Romagna region.

Parma ham enjoys a similar privileged status throughout the European market. Thanks



nced it more. If forming closer ties with Europe means being city, even by Italian standards Photograph: Robert Harding

to ship their hams across big players control supermarket distribution, pushing prices to rock-bottom rates. "But to solve this problem, of course, we will turn to Europe, not the Italian government," said the Parma ham consortium's export man-ager, Massimo Montuschi.

Not all Italian food producing power of the Bologna region. Elsewhere, one hears bleats about European agricultural policy, especially in the deep south, which lives off less privileged olives and citrus fruit. Some businesses acknowledge their export performance has been enhanced by a weak lira, an advantage that they will lose if a single European currency comes into being.

Italy faces other potential problems with Europe - the langer that it will fail to qualify for the single currency, and the likelihood that the sacrifices necessary to catch up will increase unemployment, raise taxes and damage already desperate public services.

But these issues are rarely aired in public debate. "Italy's enthusiasm for Europe is as unreal, in its way, as Britain's scepticism," said Patrick Mc-Carthy, an Italian specialist at the Bologna branch of the Johns Hopkins School of International Studies. "Italian political élites think they can integrate into Europe while continuing to act as they like at home," he added."They have largely had a free ride up to now, but that could all change.



Burning images: Effigies on bonfires in the Spanish Mediterranean port of Valencia where the feast of St Joseph is celebrated in a ceremony dating back to the 18th century

Photograph: Denis Doyle / AP

Jobs the issue in German poll

by the national leadership dedoes on Sunday. The omens are not good. "I don't care what happens in 1999. What I want to know is whether there will be a job for me when I get my degree in the summer," says Rita Meissner, one of the students booing Mr Kohl.

Württemberg. Whether this line is adopted

"Stability and employment they shout, hoisting placards proclaiming: "4.3 million monetary union," urge the election posters of local Social De-Though the SPD's poll rating during the campaign, it remains mocrats, pioneers of the SPD's a distant second behind the Christian Democrats. Even that volte-face on Europe. They argue that the Maastricht criteria modest rise has been attributed for monetary union shackle to another populist slogan which Germany, preventing it from the SPD does not dare to daub spending its way out of recesacross the walls: the call to sion. "I think we should set in keep out ethnic Germans im-Germans." He then turns to motion a European growth and

migrants from Eastern Europe. The other parties are convinced that the SPD is barking analysis for the European di-mension of that dreadful sta-ltaly . . . and postpone mone-up the wrong tree. "[Monetary sult, and Mr Kohl would be able]

tary union for three to four union] is not an issue that will decide the election," says Walter Döring, the regional leader of the Free Democrats. At stake for him is the survival of his party, and by consequence the sur-

vival of Mr Kohl's government.

If the FDP falls below the 5 per cent threshold that bars the way to the three regional assemblies up for grabs on Sunday, then its leaders would feel compelled to leave the coalition in Bonn, depriving Mr Kohl of his majority.

"This is a question of exishas gone up by about 5 per cent tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign, it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign, it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign, it remains the campaign it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign it remains tence not just for the FDP in during the campaign in t for the coalition in Bonn," Mr Döring asserts. At the moment per cent in Baden-Württemberg and neighbouring Rheinland Palatinate, but is perilously close to annihilation in the northern state of Schleswig-Holstein. Two out of three

The Pavarottis decide to go solo Maybe it was the elixir of love could hide it no longer when an

Adua, announced that they were separating yesterday after a 36-year marriage. Weakened by infidelities, the marriage was finally broken by a scandalous affair between Luciano

ANDREW GUMBEL

and his 26-year-old secretary. Pavarotti, 60, has barely been on speaking terms with his wife for months because of his attachment to his by now inseparable companion, Nicoletta the mother of his three children, ter three years of formal Mantovani. At first he at-publicly appealed for him to separation. tempted to deny the affair, but come back to ber.

ple kissing on the beach in Barbados last month. "Nicoletta is a girl like all the others I have had. She's part of the stable. She is the favourite in my harem," the fabled tenor

explained at the time. The affair quickly exploded into a gossip-column sensation as 59-year-old Adua, Pavarotti's business manager as well as Showing considerable steel, cial blow for Pavarotti as his op-

lished a photograph of the coumistake and would end up unloved and alone. She also removed his name from the doorbell at their villa outside Modena, Pavarotti's home town in northern Italy.

A brief statement yesterday said the couple had separated by mutual consent "out of respect for each other and family". Under Italian law, couples become eligible for a divorce af-

relies increasingly on crowdpleasing acts to bring in the high fees he is used to.

There will be no tugs-of-war over the division of property, however, as the couple have kept their assets separate for several years. Together they own the villa in Modena, a house in Bologua and homes in Manhattan, Monte Carlo and on the Adriatic coast.

Where commuters wear the latest fashions to a city of ash and mud

city, we would have not only run for cover, but stayed there until long after the coast was clear, sworn never to come back. and waited to read about it all

in the next day's newspapers. A few hundred yards away a sniper had opened up with a sub-machine-gun, while some other maniac, hidden in the detritus that used to comprise the local neighbourhood, was firing back as if his life depended on it, which it probably did. Matters were made more alarming by a Russian soldier at the roadblock where we were waiting. who tossed a vodka bottle in the air and tried to shoot it down, blasting away with his rifle. He missed; it fell to the ground,

another addition to the dozens of other bottles and beer cans strewn around by the soldiers in their effort to drown their fear and isolation in this

employment initiative at the

Maastricht review conference in

on a Sunday jaunt

unhappy place.

But this is Grozny, where such battles are frequent enough to be regarded as commonplace, undeserving of panic. As the snapping sound of gunfire continued, many in the queue of traffic calmly turned round and drove away in search of another route out of town. Others - like Said. my taxi-driver - persuaded the soldiers to let him press on, driving through the area looking no more ruffled than a motorist If there was a Nobel prize for

doggedness, it would go to the residents here, who have conjured up a sense of normality. of routine, even. So exhausted are they by fear, and daily overdoses of adrenalin, they often seem immune to both.

Half an hour before the shooting, which happened on the outskirts. I watched a morning commuter train pull in to the city's central station. Yes. there are commuters here. even though Grozny was only two weeks ago turned into a battleground yet again when hundreds of separatist rebels arrived. Out into the spring sunshine stepped scores of men and women, with the same purposeful air that you see among the tide of humanity at

GROZNY DAYS

every morning. They filed off through the sea of litter, past pools of water that block the roads, and through the ruined boulevards that used to comprise the heart of this once handsome, pastel-tinted, city.

As we headed towards the marketplace, another gunman was also beginning his morning's labours, in the rooftops no more than a few hundred yards away. It was hard to tell what he was shooting at, or why; tween the rebels and Russians, supported by Moscow-backed

Paddington or King's Cross Chechen forces from the puppet government of Doku Zavgayev. It also embraces a tangle of warring clans.

The crowd did not so much as miss a step, let alone scatter. "We have to live," said my guide, a middle-aged Chechen, when I asked why people were willing to brave such hazards. "What do you expect us to do: sit at home and go hungry?"

There is, at present, no risk of that, at least for those with money. The market was groaning with produce, from Snickers bars to lemons, tangerines, onious, potatoes, chicken, and

legs of lamb. Where there is a dog belonging to the Organi- Ossetia. A few miles from shortage of essential goods, zation for Security and Co- our destination, he suddenly beresidents make them themselves. Along the roadsides there are large glass jars of home-made petrol on sale.

At a kiosk next to the government building - which has been turned into a fortress, surrounded by dug-in armoured vehicles - there were copies of Soldier of Fortune magazine. Al-though Russians have lost hundreds of men in this war, their appetite for tales about weaponry and derring-do is mysteriously insatiable. (Whether the soldiers, who are miserably paid, can afford such frivolities is another matter; one group was so short of food that they shot and kebabed the pet

operation in Europe.) There are luxuries, too. Most

shops and businesses are destroyed, but you can still buy an embroidered dress or a pair of patent-leather high heels. There is clearly a demand: despite the thick mud and filth, many of Grozny's women are as well groomed as Wall Street

Yet, for all this outward calm and resourcefulness, there are wells of hatred, scars too deep to justify any optimism about peace in the Caucasus. After passing the gun battle at the road-block, Said drove me to the airport at Vladikavkaz in the neighbouring republic of

came agitated and sweaty.

"I can't go any further, it's the Ossetians," he explained. "They loathe us Chechens," he said, putting his finger to his head and pulling an imaginary trigger. Why? Because they were friends with the IngushFD, with whom the Ossetians fought a war in 1992.

It was only after we found an Ingush policeman, armed with a semi-automatic rifle, as an escort that he agreed to go on. They are getting by here

miraculously well, in the cir. cumstances - but it is hard to believe they will ever get along Phil Reeves

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Dole urges Perot to stay out of race

RUPERT CORNWELL

With the 1996 Republican presidential nomination now secure, Bob Dole yesterday embarked on the far tougher campaign to defeat Bill Clinton in the general election in November, a task which may be still further complicated by a repeat White House run by

After yet another Tuesday primary sweep, this time in the old industrial Midwest, the 72vear-old Senate majority leader only briefly savoured the prize that had eluded him for two decades, before plunging back into his preferred milieu of Washington, featuring a White House meeting with his future

opponent, in search of a balanced budget agreement between the Republican Congress and the White House.

Washington, indeed, is where the next phase of the election campaign will unfold, in complicated jousting over measures that include the budget, welfare and health-care reform, and proposed tax cuts for families with children. Mr Dole will portray himself as a "common sense conservative" who could get things done, were it not for

The contest will be fascinating. The two men may be prime specimens of that reviled breed the "Washington insider". But both are adroit politicians, and never before has an election been fought between an incumbent President and a Senate Majority leader of the

other party. Mr Dole's triumphs in the "Rust Belt" were comprehensive. In Ohio and Illinois he routed his only serious remaining challenger, the right-wing commentator Pat Buchanan, by a margin of three to one. In Michigan and Wisconsin Mr Buchanan did better, capturing one-third of the vote, but in both states the Kansas Senator topped 50 per cent. Though delegate tallies are

to CNN Mr Dole now has 1,000. four more than the 996 needed for an overall majority at the convention. That compares to 100 for Mr Buchanan whose aim now is not to unseat Mr Dole, a mathematical impossibility, but to to secure a speaking spot at the convention and force his populist pro-life and "America First" views into the party platform.

But Mr Buchanan is merely a muisance. A greater danger lies in another independent run by Mr Perot, the unpredictable billionaire from Dallas, which may guarantee victory for Mr Clinton, just as in 1992, when the on-off-on candidacy of Mr Perot drove the final nail into

Although the polls show Mr out of the race. But Perot-Dole is at present running 10 points or more behind Mr Clinton, the electoral college arithmetic is less bleak, with the South, the South-west, the plains and Rocky Mountain states solidly Republican - in a two-way contest.

A Perot run, however, would change everything. His support may be less than the 19 per cent he won in 1992, but Perot voters are drawn overwhelmingly from Republican ranks, and even modest defections could cost Mr Dole states that he would otherwise win in November.

"Ross, we are the reform arty, what else do you want?" Mr Dole said yesterday, almost pleading with the Texan to stay

watchers are convinced their man cannot resist another run. either as the candidate of the Reform Party, which he is trying to launch across the country, or as an independent. And the music from Dallas is

uncannily like 1992, when Mr Perot portraved himself as a simple patriot heading his countrymen's yearning for a selfless outsider to step in and "fix up e mess" in Washington. He would run "if that's what members of this [Reform] par-

sit here and watch everything deteriorate." Tomorrow, moreover, Mr Perot is due to appear on CNN's Larry King Show, the

ty want," he told a Texas radio

station this week. "I can't just

same platform from which he announced his candidacy in February 1992.

Apart from deterring a thirdparty challenge, Mr Dole must also choose a running mate. Now that General Colin Powell, Mr Dole's preferred choice, has again virtually ruled himself out, the Midwest once more could hold the key. High on the Dole vice-presidential list are Governors John Engler of Michigan and George Voinovich of Ohio. Either could tip the balance in November in a crucial swing state which the

Republicans must win in order

to regain the White House. Little Rock, Arkansas (AP) - A federal judge yesterday directed defence lawyers in the Whitewater trial to take Presi-



Dole: Has won enough votes to ensure candidacy

dent Clinton's testimony by videotape. Ordering him to travel to Little Rock would be unduly burdensome on his official duties, the judge said. The judge rejected Mr Clinton's request that he be given the questions in advance. He said lawyers may ask the President whatever they like about allegations raised during the trial.

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China's 'bogeyman' Lee takes poll test

TERESA POOLE

Lee Teng-hui is the new face in the pantheon of bogeymen whom Peking regularly likes to consign to its so-called "dustbin of history". But unlike the exiled Tibetan Dalai Lama and Chris Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, the latest man to be demonised by the Chinese government is little known in the West. Indeed, because he is persona non grata in countriés which recognise Peking, the Taiwanese president is, in diplo-matic terms, probably the most isolated champion of democracy in the world.

Mr Lee, 73, can take much of the credit for why an island of 21 million people is this weekend set to disprove the notion that democracy sits ill with the "Asian values" of the fastgrowing economies of East Asia. Tarwan, the second most densely populated nation on earth, will after Saturday's presidential elections be able to boast not only an average per capita in-come of US\$12,000, (£8,000) but also its first democratically elected head of state. Among the native Taiwane

who make up 85 per cent of the island's population, the fact that Mr Lee is Taiwan born and bred has always been central to his appeal; his railying calls at Lee Teng-hui: Champion of the hustings are delivered in the colloquial Taiwanese dialect. one to court prison or political authoritarian, one-party system. "[Lee] was very timid . . . Everybody underestimated him," said Antonio Chiang, publisher of the Journalist.

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Mr Lee still sees no contradiction in using the enormous financial and operational clout of the ruling Kuomintang (KMT) party in order to achieve his goal of democracy for Taiwan. Festooned from buildings around Taipei, his toothy smile beams out from election posters up to seven storeys in length; the Lee advertising budget is said to be as high as US\$25m. Taiwan's three main television channels are still under KMT control, and cov-

erage of Mr Lee has been fulsome. At the same time he refuses to take part in televised debates with the three other

In background, more than any leader in Peking, Mr Lee fits the classical Chinese concept of the scholar-official. Born in 1923 in a farming suburb of Taipei, he grew up during the Japanese occupation. Mandarin Chinese was his third language, after Tarwanese and Japanese. as Peking regularly points out, accusing him of being more Japanese than Chinese

Against all the odds, the young Lee passed the highly competitive examination for high school, and went on to university in Kyoto, Japan. In the official biography, a fellow stu-



However, Mr Lee is also a dent described Mr Lee's fencproduct of the old regime. Not ing tactics: "He never acted without first gaining control of exile, he quietly prospered for the situation." He returned to decades within Taiwan's former Taiwan in 1946, a year after the vanquished Japanese army had ceded sovereignty of Taiwan to General Chiang Kai-Shek's Kuomintang nationalist party. Now specialising in agricultur-al economics, Mr Lee alternated periods of research at home with further studies in the US. He is very Taiwanese in his heart, Japanese in his temperament, and Western in his head," said Antonio Chiang. He

is also a devout Christian. Mr Lee was established as a successful academic when, in 1971, a report on farming problems impressed General Chiang Kai-shek's son and Mr Lee was appointed Taiwan's youngest minister of state. His subsequent

rise was unprecedented for a native Taiwanese: mayor of Taipei City in 1978, and Governor of Taiwan in 1981, the third high-

est position in the island state. After General Chiang died in 1975, his son, Chiang Chingkuo, unexpectedly turned out to be a reformer. Mr Lee was his protégé. Crucially, in 1984 Mr Lee was appointed vice-president, though at that stage it seemed far-fetched that a native Taiwanese would ever become president. But Taiwan was changing; in 1987, martial law was finally lifted, street protests were permitted, and

press freedom was improved.
In 1988, the younger Chiang suddenly died, and Mr Lee took over as President and head of KMT Later that year, be appointed a team of reformers to key top posts. For the first time the party's standing committee was elected by party members, and opposition parties were soon legalised. As far back as 1990, at his de-

layed inauguration as president, Mr Lee charted a path that would inevitably bring him into conflict with the mainland. Peking's offer of "One country, two systems" for peaceful reunification was reected. Private foreign visits by Taiwanese leaders appeared quietly on the agenda.

Mr Lee set about cleaning up Taiwan's anachronistic political stem. He got rid of the KMT old guard, General Chiang's entourage from the mainland who had sat in parliament under the 1946 constitution with perma nent seats, often asleep or senile. Direct elections were introduced. However, critics complain that he failed to confront extensive money and mafia influence in local and national politics - the biggest test for him if he is elected.

Modesty is not one of Mr Lee's strong points, and Taiwanese often attack him for being arrogant and reluctant to take criticism. But he has been campaigning furiously to secure his benchmark of 50 per cent of the votes. The act of voting was an expression of Taiwan's democracy, he thundered at a rally last week, adding: "I urge people to elect someone who has experience and has guts."



Rites of passage: Hong Kong citizens queue for British passports outside the colony's immigration department to beat the cut-off date of 31 March, before Britain hands over control to China next year Photograph: Anat Givon / AP

TERESA POOLE Taipei RUPERT CORNWELL

Right on cue, China's state television last night broadcast the show that Peking's leaders want Taiwan's voters to see. Within hours of China's live-fire military exercises ending on schedule at the south of the Taiwan Strait, footage of its Sukhoi fighters bombing target ships and warships firing missiles appeared on the evening news.

The official Xinhua news agency declared that the nine days of exercises had shown the People's Liberation Army's "powerful military might", with an exceptional range of aircraft, vessels, missiles, rockets and other ammunition. China's military "will never allow even square inch of Chinese

territory to be separated", it

With just two days left before Taiwan goes to the polls in its first democratic presidential election, a separate series of army, navy and airforce drills are still under way at the north end of the Taiwan Strait, albeit blighted by heavy rain. So far, this propaganda exercise, which is scheduled to continue until after the election, has been rather

a damp squib, with "only a few ship activities", according to the Defence Ministry in Taipei.

Peking wants to frighten voters away from supporting President Lee Teng-hui, the man who is expected to win and who has said he will continue to work towards greater international recognition for Taiwan. Yesterday. Mr Lee said that mainland missiles "had bolstered solidarity" among the Taiwanesc.

His running mate, Lien Chan, who is prime minister, said Taiwan was nevertheless "seriously interested" in negotiating a peace agreement with the mainland after the elections.

In a compromise aimed at reassuring Taiwan without enraging mainland China, the US has agreed to supply the island's quest for \$4bn (£2.6bn) worth help resist any Chinese naval blockage of Taiwan.

According to Clinton administration officials, the arms shipments agreed at this week's regular annual review of Taiwan's military requirements were "fairly modest", despite Peking's campaign of deliberforces with Stinger anti-aircraft missiles, but refused Taiper's re-Apart from the Stinger missiles

vanced targeting system for the Taiwanese airforce and other electronic warfare equipment.

The arms agreement is further proof that the White House will continue its existing balancing act, seeking to restrain Taiwan from unnecessarily provoking its giant neighbour, while signalling to Peking that aggression will not go

US firm on new recruits for Nato

ADRIAN BRIDGE Central Europe Correspondent

Nato was determined to take in new members from former Warsaw Pact countries and would do so despite strong Russian objections. Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, said yesterday.

Speaking in Prague, he said Nato enlargement was on track and that those hoping to come on board would not be kept "in the waiting-room for ever". At the same time, he insisted Russia was not to be excluded from what he hoped would evolve into an undivided Europe and that it too had a "positive contribution" to make to the continent's security.

His remarks came as Nato's Secretary-General, Javier Solana, spent a day trying to put the alliance's case in Moscow, where there is fierce opposition to enlargement. Tomorrow Mr Christopher will seek to reduce Russian anxiety in meetings with President Yeltsin and other officials.

While stressing the desire not to isolate Moscow. Mr Christopher said the integration of Central Europe into Western structures such as Nato and the European Union would neither determine nor be determined by events in Russia. He was critical of what he termed a "dark vision of the future" presented by the Russian parliament, of reconstituting the Soviet Union, "History must not be reversed. No nation in Europe should ever again be consigned to a buffer-zone between great powers, or relegated to another nation's sphere of interest."

Mr Christopher's words of reassurance were well received by his Czech hosts and the foreign ministers of 11 other Central and East European countries who had flown to Prague to hear them. Although some would have liked him to have cone further - outlining a timetable for Nato admission - they were relieved to hear that no delays vere envisaged.

Having produced a study on the "how" and "why" of enlargement last year. Nato members are this year considering the questions of "who" and "when", with answers expected to be forthcoming at a meeting

Mr Christopher did not specify which countries were likely to join first, but they are widely believed to be Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

The prospect of seeing its former vassal states joining the old Nato enemy has horrified many in Russia. President Yeltsin has even said that enlargement could ignite "the flame of war across Europe.

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Professor Sir Charles Oatley

The scanning electron microscope (SEM) has been des- tensely interested in scientific cribed as the single most important scientific instrument of the post-war era. Charles Oatley pioneered its development at the Cambridge University Engineering Department in the decades immediately following the Second World War.

Manufacture of the first commercial production model commenced in 1965; thousands have since been made and are to be found in practically every research laboratory in the world. The striking threedimensional images of microscopic organisms the instrument produces have been used to llustrate countless newspaper and magazine articles, as well as scientific research papers, which have given the general public a new perspective and appreciation of the world that lies beyand the resolution of the

Oatley was born in Frome. Somerset, His father, William, was the owner of a flourishing bakery business, and his mother, Ada Mary Dorrington, a school teacher. Although lack-ing any formal scientific education William Oatley was inmatters and passed this enthusiasm on to his son. He gave Charles an electric motor on his sixth birthday - not a common toy in 1910 - and he possessed a Watson Royal microscope which he taught his son to use.

Charles Oatley's first taste of education was at a small dame school, close to his home. In a delightful family memoir he recounts how at the age of five. accompanied by an older pupil. he set forth, armed with a slate. some slate pencils and a small sponge (to clean the slate) in an empty Lyle's Golden Syrup tin -a modest beginning to an academic career that would lead to the Royal Medal of the Royal

This was followed by 10 years at a local council school, and then to Bedford Modern School as a boarder from where he won exhibitions to St John's College.

Cambridge.
At Cambridge he read for the Natural Sciences Tripos, taking a First in Part I and a Second in Part II (Physics). He also obtained a half-blue for swimming, and captained the University

year. His supervisor at St John's was E.V. Appleton (of Appleton layer fame - a layer in the ionosphere which reflects radio waves); it was he who first aroused Oatley's interest in electronics, and was to have a profound influence on his subsequent career.

On Appleton's advice Oatley obtained in 1925 a job with Radio Accessories in Willesden, a small company manufacturing radio valves: here he gained valuable experience of manufacturing techniques and, as the only graduate in the company, was called upon to tackle a wide variety of practical physics problems. After two years, however, he was invited to return to academic life by Ap-pleton, who had meanwhile moved to the Physics Depart-

ment at King's College London. The next 12 years at King's were spent largely teaching and examining, with little time for research, but they were, as Oatlev acknowledges in his writings, among the happiest of his life. It was in this period that he married Enid West. He also published a useful little book. Wireless Receivers (1932), that



he was asked by J.D. Cockcroft, whom he had met at St John's, to join a team at the Air Defence Experimental Establishment (ADEE) at Christchurch, Dorset, which was being formed to work on the development of what was to become known as radar. Oatley was given the task of building up a Measurements Group to carry out measurements on components under construction in the Establishment - aerials, transmitters, receivers, modulators, displays and so forth. In the last year of the war he was appointed acting-superintendent of the establishment, which numbered some 1,000 people, and which by this time was located at Malvern under the name of the Radar Research and Development Establishment. His contribution to the achievement of the British superiority in wartime developments in radar was very considerable. After the war he was of-

fered a Fellowship at Trinity College, Cambridge, and a Lec-tureship in the Engineering Department, which was then ınder the dynamic leadership of Sir John Baker. With Baker's encouragement, Oatley revolutionised the teaching of electrical subjects in the Department, particularly electronics, with the introduction of the Electrical Sciences Tripos. This produced a stream of able research students and additional teaching staff, which in the following decades played a significant part in the development of the scanning electron microscope. He was elected to the Chair of Electrical Engineering in 1960.

Charles Oatley's interest in that this new instrument could the SEM was first aroused never compete with the well-

work by M. von Ardenne in Germany and V.K. Zworykin in It was met with indifference and the United States. This had produced inconclusive results, but with his wartime experience Oatley realised that new techniques and methods were available which could be applied to the scanning concept. More importantly, to his way of thinking, research on the scanning electron microscope principle offered the ideal avenue through which to apply his ex-

of his future research students. His first research student, D. McMullen, began in 1948, and a working instrument was produced by 1951. This incorporated a novel configuration of the electron optical imageforming elements, producing startlingly realistic images of surfaces, capable of interpretation even by the uninitiated.
Oatley was convinced that the

tensive experience, and to stretch his own mind and those

SEM would turn out to be an important laboratory tool; however, this was far from being the consensus among microscopists who, by and large, believed

when he learned of pre-war established electron microscopical techniques of the time. even, in some quarters, ridicule.

Nothing daunted, Oatley took on more research students and ploughed more effort and money into the project: L. Peters, a gifted technician, was assigned to it, new instruments with improved performance were constructed, and new fields of application explored. Among the many notable developments in the two decades following was the extension of the technique to electron beam microfabrication, which has had a major impact in the manufacture of microcircuit chips for

After many faise starts and disappointments, Oatley's faith and tenacity were finally re-warded in 1965 with the launch of the world's first series production SEM: the Stereoscan, manufactured by the Cambridge Instrument Company. His book on the subject, The Scanning Electron Microscope,

was published in 1972. Many honours followed from this success: election to the Royal Society and receipt of its Royal Medal and Mullard

Award: Fellowship of the Royal Academy of Engineering; Fellow of King's College London; a knighthood in 1974.

Charles Oatley was held in great esteem by his colleagues. and was regarded with affection. by all who worked closely with him, particularly his research students with many of whom he and his wife established lifelong. friendships. This was manifest on the occasion of his 90th birthday when a one-day seminar was held in his honour at Churchill College. Over 100 attended colleagues, research students, and workers in scanning electron microscopy and related fields from across the globe.

A.N. Broers and K.C.A. Smith

Charles William Oatley, engineer: born Frome, Somerset 14 February 1904; Demonstrator, later Lecturer, King's College London 1927-39: Lecturer, later Reader, Department of Engineering, Cambridge University 1945-50. Professor of Electrical Engi-ncering 1960-71 (Emeritus); OBE 1956; FRS 1969; Kt 1974; married 1930 Enid West (two sons); died Cambridge 11 March

Roswell Gilpatric

Roswell Gilpatrie's great moment came in the tensest moments of the 1962 Cuban missile crisis. In private, he was widely believed to have been the lover of Mrs Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Gilpatric was a member of

"Ex Comm", the top-level working group President John F. Kennedy had entrusted with managing the US response to Nikita Khrushchev's decision to deploy Soviet nuclear weapons in Cuba. The President's national security adviser, McGeorge Bundy, had put forward the case for bombing the Sovi-et missile sites in Cuba, from which Soviet missiles with nuclear warheads could reach much of the United States. Gilpatric's boss, the defence secretary Robert S. McNamara. argued against bombing, saying no one could tell how the Russians would respond. As Kennedy hesitated. Gilpatric, the

Wall Street lawyer, intervened. "Essentially, Mr President," he said, "this is a choice between limited action and unlimited action, and most of us think it is better to start with limited

On other occasions, however, Gilpatric took a hard line. A staunch Cold Warrior, he had

served as Under-Secretary of the Air Force in the Eisenhower Administration. He was the head of a secret task force of which General Edward Lansdale, the original of Graham Greene's The Quiet American. was a member. Its brief was "to prevent Communist domination of Vietnam", and Gilpatric consistently argued for US

He also signed off on the overthrow, though not explicitly on the murder, of General Diem, the leader of the pro-American government of South Vietnam. (Diem was removed from power by a military coup with American approval, given on McNamara's behalf by Gilpatric, so far as the Pentagon was concerned. The balance of evidence suggests that Washington officials were not aware that the Diem family were to be killed.)

Gilpatric was, too, a member of the "special group" which planned Operation Mongoose. the CIA's dirty tricks campaign against Fidel Castro in Cuba. Gilpatric's cautious advice against bombing Cuba was

characteristic of the calm Wall Street lawyer. A lifelong Republican. Ros Gilpatric was a partner from 1940 to 1977 in Cravath, Swain and Moore, one of the two or three most prestigious of the "white shoe" Wall Street law firms. His clients included major banks and industrial corporations and es-

pecially defence and aerospace

companies. Gilpatric was the epitome of the "dollar-a-year men" of what had been called the "American Establishment" who came down from Wall Street to serve in government before returning to "the private practice of law". He was a protege of one of the most celebrated of them, Robert Lovett

He came from an upperclass New York background and was educated at the Hotchkiss School, a famous private boarding school, and at Yale. He was a childhood friend of Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

President Kennedy used to question him closely about Rockefeller's plans, his char-acter and his girlfriends. "He has lots," said Gilpatric. "How does he get away with it?" asked the President, who was getting away with "it" himself at the time on an epic scale. By a twist of history, it is wide-

President's widow, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, after his death and before she married Aristotle Onassis

A brother Wall Street lawyer offered for sale letters written to Gilpatric by Mrs Kennedy over a five-year period, begin-ning before his assassination. The letters were subpoenaed by the third Mrs Roswell Gilpatric, who was then seeking a legal

The letters are intimate but inconclusive as to the nature of his friendship with Jacqueline Kennedy. One of them, written just after her marriage to Onassis, said, "I hope you know all you were and are and will ever be to me." It was signed, "With my love, J". But Gilpatric denied that he and Mrs Kennedy Onassis had ever been anything but the best of friends.

From 1972 to 1975 Gilpatric served as chairman of Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He was also a trustee of the Metropolitan Museum and of the New York Public Library.

Godfrey Hodgson

Roswell Leavitt Gilpatric, lawyer and administrator; born 4 November 1906; married five times (one son, two daughters); died



ill we were': Gilpatric (left) on vacation with Jacqueline Kennedy in 1968, on a visit to a Mayan temple in Mexico

Margaret Read

ly believed that Gilpatric him-

As a Catholic convert, but married to the Anarchist and ag-nostic, poet and critic Sir M Herbert Read, one might think £1 that Margaret Read had few opsic portunities for keeping her own faith tuned. In fact she was three

When she was a young woman - she and Read having dramatically eloped from Edinburgh - Henry Moore lent them his studio in the Mall Studios in Belsize Park, north London, where her immediate neighbours were Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth with Moore himself just round the corner. But - pour combler le bonheur — there was the Roman Catholic church of St Dominic, within, she might have said, whistling distance, "There was a fittle passage and if you went to the priory and said a little prayer, there was a movie there, just opposite the passage: you said your prayer, nipped out of the church and into the movie." Was it a fluke that she vas so close to a Catholic hurch? "Oh. a pure fluke, and here was the monastery at the

nd of our garden." There would be a much arger monastery years later hen Herbert Read, a born orkshireman who had always inged to return to his beginings, found a lovely old house. ear Kirbymoorside, not far om the farm where he was

born - and within easy reach of

But in the years between, the war years and late Forties, the family lived in Buckinghamshire which she rather despised as suburban. It was a simple house in the village of Seer Green that saw a coming and going of some of the most eminent artists, writers and musicians of the time. A string quartet was formed and, at the famous Mayflower barn at Jordans. Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears and Poulenc and many others accepted her urgent pleas to come and perform.

At Broom House a Bible was always placed beside the bed when T.S. Eliot was expreted. Once when the (wealthy) Kenneth Clarks announced that they would "drop in. The Clarks are coming slumming," she warned. Naum

Ampleforth College and Monastery. There Margaret Ludwig, a professional viola player who had once been in the orchestra at Glyndebourne, found a rich religious and musical life, with intelligent and musical monks - and a college for the three Read boys: and, even closer, Hovingham Hall, childhood home of the later Duchess of Kent. There she invented, organised and inspired three wonderfully idiosyncratic music and opera festivals.

Gabo came several times, irre-

'Ludo' Read: gibes that were witty but never malicious

talked sculpture, philosophy, politics in his rich Russian accent, keeping Herbert up into the small hours while the hostess resolutely went to bed. Oskar Kokoschka appeared bringing Herbert a lovely watercolour of a fish (not many English artists whom Herbert Read had helped to fame were so generous) and George Hoellering was around, the Hungarian film producer who had just finished his film of Eliot's Murder in the Cathedral, making quite a pass at Mrs Read; too much of a professional charmer to be taken seriously. (She was unimpressed by the film.) Her gibes about some of the visitors were witty but nevpressible and unstoppable: he er malicious. Who was it whom

glass tables furnished even some of the 18th-century Stonegrave House, in Yorkshire; but now and again Lady R came back from a country auction. pleased like a Yorkshire cat at having purchased some heavy mahogany piece with knobs -which Sir Herbert called names and tried to banish into the garage.
On the other hand she was

"The Battle of Styles". Black

leather and steel armchairs and

extremely fond of their modern artist friends, Barbara Hepworth, Ben Nicholson, Henry Moore, Patrick Heron and their works - but quite undaunted by them. Once when Hepworth much "into nature", criticised her for wearing high heels, she looked amazed, saving . "What's wrong - cows walk on them, don't they?"

The last two years of her life brought her the third and closest encounter with her church: the convent of St Nicholas in west London, where she was most admirably looked after by the nuns: and there she died with six nuns surrounding her, saying the Rosary.

Leonie Cohn

ern Finnish furniture was not Margaret Ludwig, viola player: horn Aberdeen 27 March 1905; married 1936 Herbert Read (KI 1953, died 1968; three sons, one daughter); died London 10 March 1996.

Whit Bissell

In a screen career that covered 35 years, from Holy Matrimony in 1943 to Casev's Shadow in 1978. Whit Bissell was rarely to be encountered in a domestic setting. Whether playing a lieutenant-commander in The Caine Musiny (1954), a medical officer in The Manchurian Candidate (1962) or a veterinary surgeon in Hud (1963), he looked as though he had spent the rest of the day in an office or with

other patients, rather than in make-up memorising his lines. Actors like him are one of the reasons that their real-life equivalents are usually such disappointments. When an actor became US President, many onlookers thought that Ronald Reagan both looked and sounded miscast - unlike Bissell, who had been far more convincing as Woodrow Wilson on television in Profiles in Courage. In the one feature film on which Bissell enjoyed top billing, I Was a Teenage Frankenstein (1957), he played Professor Frankenstein with a straight face while

delivering lines like "Speak. I know you have a civil tongue in your head because I sewed it hack myself!" On stage from boyhood, he was on Broadway before becoming a regular film performer in the late Forties, when his lean features led to his play-

ing petty hoods and callow

young men such as the young

inmate in Jules Dassin's Brute Force (1947), goaded into hang-ing himself by a sadistic govermeanest of the warders taken hostage in Don Siegel's *Riot in Cell Block 11* (1954).
Bissell was reunited with

Siegel two years later when he appeared in the framing scenes imposed by Allied Artists at the beginning and end of the science-fiction classic Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1956), playing the doctor who believes Kevin McCarthy's extraordinary tale of pod people preying on humans and who ends the film on an unplanned note of optimism by reaching for the phone to alert the authorities in time for the final fadeout.



Photograph: Ronald Grant Archive

Bissell's roles gained in seniority as his face filled out and his hair greyed, aithough the nor. A few years later he was anxious expression that he wore back inside as Snader, the could sometimes denote a character who would pass the buck in a crisis or had a guilty secret: like the right-wing senator conspiring with loony general Burt Lancaster to stage a White House coup in Seven Days in May (1964), or the devious governor running for re-election in a futuristic New York who gives the nod to a cover-up of the

macabre conspiracy at the heart of Soylent Green (1973). He was required to look anxious for much of Irwin Allen's 1966 television series The Time Tunnel, as Lt-Gen Heywood Kirk. His co-worker Lee Meriwether later recalled that the series was extremely hard work as she and Bissell were required week after week to work at breakneck speed reacting to what on the set was actually just a blank screen, with little to do but twiddle the occasional knob and exclaim "We're losing

him!" or "Tony, look out!" Bissell received the life career award from the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Films in 1994.

Richard Chatten Whitner Bissell, actor: born New York 1909; married (one son, three

California 5 March 1996.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Prince of Wales bosts a con-

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Births, Marriages & Deaths

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IORTIMER: On 9 March 1996 to Katharine (nec Isaac) and Andrew, a son, Matthew John.

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Mr M. Kirkham and Miss J.M.C. Churlesworth

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Sir Graham and Lady Kirkham, of Cantley Hall, Rev and Mrs Eric Charlesworth, of Slimbridge Rectory, Gloucestershire,

Birthdays

Lord Boston of Faversham QC, former chairman. TVS Entertainment. 66. Mr Peter Brook, theatrical producer, 71: Dr Clark Brundin, President. Templeton College, Oxford, 65; Mr Brian Clough, former football manager, 61; Mrs Ann Clwyd MP, 59; Mr Timothy Dalton, actor, 50; Miss Olwen Davies, former Headmistress, St. Swithun's School, Winchester. 70: Mr Geoffrey Dearmer, poet, 103: Mr Michael Foreman, author and illustrator, 58: Mrs Llin Goldine

MP. 63: Professor Richard Hare. Professor of Philosophy, 77; Mr David Heathcoat-Amory MP, Paymaster General, 47; Mr Michael Heseltine MP, First Secretary of State and Deputy Prime Minister, 63: Mr Antony Hopkins, composer and con-ductor, 75; Mr Frederic Home, former Chief Taxing Master of the Supreme Court, 79: Miss Ann Mack-ay, soprano, 40: Sir Peter Main, forr chairman of Boots, 71; Mr Ved Mehta, author and journalist. 62; Buroness Nicol, Opposition spokesman on green issues in the House of Lords, 73; Lord Oaksey, racing journalist and television commentator, 67; Sir John Palmer, former President of the Law Society, 76; Sir Brian Shaw, Chairman, Port of London Author-

ity and of the Automobile Associa-

tion, 63; Mr William Stevenson.

mechanical engineer and former

company chairman, 75; The Earl of Swinton, former Chief Government

Whip, 59: Maj-Gen Sir John Swin-

ton, Lord-Lieutenant of Berwick-

shire, 71; Mr Roger Whittaker, singer

and songwriter, 60; Professor Roger Williams, Vice-Chancellor, Reading University, 54: Lord Wilson of Langside QC, former Lord Advocate,

she described as a rose-red

Karl Mannheim, the sociol-

ogist came to lunch at the

round Finnish dining table.

with a swivelling serving plat-form on top which you had to

turn yourself to seize the food.

It showed you up as either greedy and pushing or as tim-

orous, with probably an inferi-

ority complex, he pronounced.

"Ludo" Read was quite pleased

with that analysis, and some

time later the movable servery

disappeared. Altogether, mod-

her choice and if there was any

audible disagreement between

the spouses it was not over the

most obvious subject of religion

but something one might label

pansy half as old as time?

Anniversaries Strate: Johann Sebastian Bach, composer, 1085; Dorothea Beale, edu-cationalist, 1831; Modest Petrovich Mussorgsky, composer, 1839; Albert Chevalier, actor, entertainer and singer, 1861; Herbert Albert Laurens Fisher, historian, 1865; Florenz Ziegfeld, stage producer, 1869; Governor-General of New Zealand. 1889. Deaths: Thomas Cranmer. Archbishop of Canterbury, burnt at the stake 1556; Robert Southey, poet, 1845; Philip Wilson Steer, painter, 1942; Harry H. Corbett. actor, 1982; Sir Michael Scudamore Redgrave, actor, 1985. On this day: the coronation of King Henry V of England took place, 1413; a duel was fought by the Duke of Wellington and

the Earl of Winchelsea, 1829; the Scottish National Gallery in Edin-burgh was opened, 1859; the last of-lensive by the Germans began on the Western front - the second Battle of the Somme, 1918; Waterloo Siation, London, was opened, 1922; Dr Kwame Nkrumah became the first Sahara, 1952; the Sudan became independent, 1953; the London Planetarium opened, 1958; African demonstrators were shot at Sharpe-ville, South Africa, 1900; the musical Half a Sixpence was first produced, London 1963: Martin Luther King led a civil rights march. starting at Selma, Alabama, 1965; John Stonehouse, a former govern-ment minister, was arrested in Australia on an extradition warrant after allegations of fraud and theft, 1975: Namibia, formerly known as South West Africa, became independent, 1990; the Government decided to

scrap the Poil Tax by 1993 to return

to some kind of property tax, 1991. Today is the Feast Day of St Enda,

St Fanchea and St Serapion of

National Portrait Gallery: Room in

View Lecture Series: Charles Sammarez Smith, "The Late 18th-Century Interior and the Portrait", Royal Society: Professor F. Closc.

"The Cosmic Onion", 6pm, University College London: Profes-sor David J. Banister, "Reducing the Need to Travel", 5,30pm Royal Institution of Great Britain: lan Taylor MP. "UK Science and Technology Policy", 1pm.

Dinners.

Air Force Board Mr Michael Portillo MR Secretary of State for Defence, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Gravdon, Chief of the Air Staff, jointly hosted a dinner for the Air Force Board yesterday evening at Admiralty House. Whitehall, London SWI. The guests

The Hon Neal Bicwett, High Commissioner for Australia; Air Marshal PT Squire; Lord Freyberg; Sir Denis Thatchef Bt; Judge Richard Lowry; Sir John Adye; Mr Frederick Forsyth: Mr Hughe Green; Air Marshal Sir John Harris; Mr Charles Moore. Royal College of Anaesthetists

Mr Stephen Dorsell, Secretary of State for Health, and Mr Gerald Mal-one, Minister of Health, were guests of honour at the Anniversary Dinner of the Royal College of Annes-thetists held yesterday evening at the Royal College of Surgeons of Eng-land, Landon WC2 Professor Cedic

Prys-Roberts, President, was the host. Lord Kilpatrick and Professor Royal College of Physicians spoke.
Earlier, Professor Joe Whitwam
delivered the Joseph Clover Lecture and the President presented Professor Frank James with Fellowship of the Royal College of Anaesthetists

80th birthday of Lord Menuhin at Buckingham Palace: The Duke of Kent attends. The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, visits Action Apparel Limited, 11/12 Palmers Road, East Moons Moat, Redditch, Worcestershire; as Pres-

ident, Save the Children Fund, vis-its the Save the Children Fund Shop, 18 Pump Street, Worcester, as Patron, Sense - the National Deafblind and Rubella Association. visits a Sense shop, 4 Blackwell Street, Swan Centre. Kidderminster. Worcestershire, The Duchess of Kent, Patron, visits Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Headington,

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards,

All bull and bravado

Health ministers can no longer bully us into swallowing their propaganda on 'safe' beef

We should break up the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Maff) and sack its propagandists. Then, on beef, as on many other food issues, politicians should have the courage to admit their ignorance. Yesterday, ministers should simply have noted the scientific news and said something brief, such as: "Use your own instincts about what to eat. As for ourselves, we're not sure."

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Fat chance. They are politicians and must pomp the day away. The official view of the beef "scare", like the salmonella "scare" and the listeria "scare" is that there is a conflict between Reason, represented by science and government, and popular Frenzy, represented by woolly-headed consumers and scaremongering iournalists.

In the Commons the impression was given that there is a pure and dis-interested body of scientific knowledge on which ministers purely and disinterestedly draw. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, and Douglas Hogg, the agriculture minister, repeatedly referred to the "latest ... independent ... scientific advice". They were, they implied, mere messengers, carrying unchallengeable truth down to the eas-

ily panicked people.

But they aren't mere messengers, and this isn't unchallengeable truth. Hogg, in particular, is the representative of Maff, which is a player, the self-appointed champion and cheerleader of the beef farming industry. So there was a telling difference of

emphasis between him and Dorrell. The latter stressed that he wanted more advice for parents and merely repeated the scientific advice about the risks. At one point he told MPs: We have received urgent advice and we are acting urgently ... in the national interest." Compare that with Hogg's repeated mantra that "British

beef can be eaten with confidence. Whether it can or not, I wouldn't trust Hogg on the subject. Nor do I understand why his job, in its present form, exists. We don't have a construction minister going around urging us to buy more houses. We don't see politicians going on the telly to campaign for the wearing of British shirts or shoes, the drinking of Scotch or the playing of English software

stuff British meat, eggs, cheese or whatever down voters' throats? We are a nation of well-informed consumers able to make up our own minds about what we eat. Why should ministers tell us whether or not to give up beef? Why is this one industry thought deserving of particular political support?

Why do ministers feel the need to stuff British meat, eggs or whatever down voters' throats?

It isn't as if agriculture is one of our huge national employers any more -it is only a quarter of its 1945 level. Though there are many poor farmers, there has been a big shift to large-scale farms, further stimulated by the Com-mon Agricultural Policy. With some studies suggesting that up to a quarter of farmland may go out of pro-duction by 2010, being used for woodlands, building, golf-courses, tourism or what have you, I fail to see why government needs to propagandise so vehemently for one form of land use over other kinds.

While Maff does carry on in this way, the country will be unconvinced



So why do ministers feel the need to by its line on beef. Hogg had said that the previous regulations for the treatment of beef carcasses were fine. Yesterday he announced extra ones and said controls in slaughterhouses "should be even more vigorously enforced". So where does that leave his previous, equally confident advice?

Similarly, it is always dangerous to see science as beyond politics. Scientific knowledge about beef, as on so many other questions, is incomplete, changing, mired in controversy and affected by personality clashes, funding and the pressure of time.

The scientists don't know, either. It is not proven that BSE was caused by the mashed remains of sheep infected by a similar disease (scrapie) being fed to cattle. This hasn't happened in other countries which also use animal protein as cartle feed. In America, researchers have been feeding cows with scrapie-contaminated gunk for years without managing to give them Yet ministers and their advisors

speak and act as if they do know, their strategy for BSE has assumed that contaminated feed was the problem. In 1988 the feeding of animal proteins to cows was banned; the Government's Southwood Committee predicted that the disease wouldn't be passed on and would peak at 20,000 cattle deaths. To date, the figure is slightly more than 160,000 deaths.

If mashed sheep-gunk isn't the trouble, what might be? Speculation licensing OP and leading the national abounds. There is a rival theory. championed by an organic farmer from the West Country called Mark Purdey, which is that BSE is linked to pesticides called organophosphates, or

Purdey and his supporters suspect that these very widespread and highly toxic chemicals, spreading through the food chain, are a very serious danger to human health. Richard North. the writer who specialises in these issues, says he was sceptical but had assumed that Maff scientists would take the idea seriously.

But Purdey was abused, ridiculed nd harassed by the "official" scientists who were committed to the pesticides he was questioning. After all,

These scares gain momentum because of the widespread unease about the food industry

Maff had licensed OPs to be used in quantities far higher than in other countries; if there was a link with BSE. the department itself would be responsible for it, and who knows what else?

This returns us to the earlier point about Maff's multiple personality. North sees a connection with the 1964 Cairns inquiry into aircraft accidents, which argued that it wasn't right for the Board of Trade, which was responsible for certifying aircraft safety, to be also responsible for investigating accidents: "intellectual corruption would ensure. As a result the world-renowned Aircraft Accident Investigation Board was formed.

Similarly, Matl's involvement in reaction to BSE is open to the charge of intellectual corruption. That's why it deserves to the final careass on the pile of BSE victims.

Let us turn, finally, to the woollyminded and scare-mongered general public, remembering that during the salmonella, listeria and BSE "scares" there have been actual poisonings or

Yes, we live in a time of foodfaddism and hysterias about sugar. butter, fats, coffee, breakfast cereal, and so on. Yes, newspapers tend to exaggerate any notential threat; as this paper's restaurant critic, Emily Green, put it to me, there are too many "dumb little scribblers writing about BSE who don't know the dilference between a Charollais and a Gioucester Old Spot ". (One's a pig.)

But I think these "seares" gain nomentum not because of journalistic conspiracy or ignorance but because of something else - the widespread and wholly rational unease bout the modern food industry. People worry about the 400-plus chemicals approved for use on British crops, the additives, the growth hormones and the antibiotics, the massproduction sheds, the genetically ingineered animals and fruit. They know we are pushing nature to the limits, experimenting, meddling, tin-

kering. They are not fools.

And when things go wrong, as sometimes they must most people will trust their instincts, not secretaries of state or anonymous, uncertain committees of scientists. This is a vast, self-confident industry, rich in land, money and political influence. So the instinct of governments is to reassure us: to pretend that they know. But they don't. They haven ta

Accentuate the positive, Tony

Labour can woo business away from the Tory party over Europe, writes Denis MacShane

of the Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko exulting in his threat to use the veto in the United Nations, Mr Nyet as he was then called, has now resurfaced in contemporary British politics in the shape of Malcolm Rifkind whose White Paper on the European Inter-Governmental Conference will be debated tonight in the House of Commons.

In between the natty little maps and colour charts the verb that leaps from page after page of Mr Rifkind's White Paper is "oppose". Britain's Foreign Secretary has become Europe's Mr Nyet, the great No-saver, without any concrete proposals to put on the negotiating table but on intinite capacity for finding reasons why nothing should be done. Mr Rifkind is practising what

the French call une fuite en mance - hoping by running faster than his own troops to avoid the battle. It is not working with his own party. Ex-cabinet ministers such as Norman Lamont and John Redwood are obsessed by anti-Europeanism. The former cabinet minister, Jonathan Aitken, has used the W-word - withdrawal - when commenting on Mr Rifkind's White Paper in the Commons.

The anti-Europeans are now the most vocal force in the Tory Party. They have developed a powerful new theory and practice based on protecting British sovereignty and our political institutions from European influence.

protectionism is that it leads incluctably to economic protectionism. From a continental perspective, the devaluation of the pound and UK government policies aimed at lowering wages and social rights amount to an unfair exportsubsidy for goods made in Britain. In France, Jacques Calvet, the influential head of Peugeot, speaks openly of protecting the French market from such unfair competition. The German government, fed up with Britain's veto of a European directive covering foreign workers anywhere in Europe. now says the Auf Wiedersehen Per building workers from Engana musi abide by national rules on wages and social protection, a measure aimed at helping German construction firms and German bricklavers. Labour has come rather late in the 20th century to an understanding of the need for out-

My first memories of for-omy requires co-operation and pooling of power and policies not a retreat into nationalism and protectionism.

The great prize for Labour in British politics lies in the opportunity to detach a sizeable chunk of British business from its century-long adherence to the Conservatives. All our exporting firms, including companies such as Nissan, British Steel, BT and British Aero-space, as well as our banks and our insurance companies, which are well placed to compete in Europe, need ministers who can offer a positive agenda on Europe. These firms will also need the European Court of Justice - the new target for

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the Prime Minister - to break down cartels and secure access for British goods and services in the national markets of Europe. Pandering to nationalist Tory protectionism and saying No. No. No is bad news for

British business. Between the nationalists of the Tory right and the dwindling group of out-and-out federalists, Tony Blair and Robin Cook are shaping a patriotic Europeanism that has ancient roots. Britain has always done best when it has been present in Europe, either But the trouble with political directly in alliances, concerts, or unions, Isolation from Europe. the Conservative politics of the

Thirties, was a disaster for Britain. Blair and Cook have repositioned Labour as the British party that can best treat with our European partners. And component elements of the new Labour Party, including local councillors, trade unions and opinion-formers in the universities, are now at ease over

engagement in Europe. If a positive agenda for Europe is shaped - along the lines of what the French politician Philippe Seguin recently called "a federation of nation-states" - then Labour will not only

a sundering of the Conservative Party into its national-xenophobic and its democratic-capitalist grouping and open the way to a long period of Labour hegemony in British politics.

ward-looking economics and Denis MacShan politics. The globalised econ-for Rotherham. Denis MacShane is Labour MP



Two hundred years ago, before modern farming techniques, Thomas Bewick pictured truly contented British cows

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Still the king of cheap sentiment

Has Barrymore's open homosexuality turned off his viewers? Paul Vallely detects wishful thinking

Michael Barrymore in gay ratings shock, proclaimed the tabloids earlier this week. Could it be that commercial television's top light entertainer had yet again invited uniformed members of the Royal Marines onto his show? Alas, it was nothing so exciting. The news - if one may use the word so loosely - centred around the suggestion that the viewing public have begun to spurn Barrymore since he announced last year that he was

Barrymore turns off 2 million viewers", was the way the Daily Mail put it. A year ago Barrymore regularly attracted 11.5 million viewers, it revealed. "But figures have plummeted by 18 per cent - more than any other show in TV's Top 50 - since the star came out of the closet. The programme now has an audience of 9.4 million, taking it from 17th to 32nd in

Well, up to a point, Lord Rother-mere. Michael Barrymore (for those who are otherwise occupied on Saturday evenings) is the Eighties equivalent of the lovable music-hall cheeky chappie whom the cultural historians thought would die out when the final remnants of Variety passed away. He croons comically, tells bad jokes without apparent irony, insults his guests without malice, says risqué things without giving offence and ladles on the sentiment shamelessly - when he gets a little blind girl on the show to sing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" he chokes up and his audience chokes

The Eighties equivalent because there is already something old-fash-ioned about the high-energy larks and verbal slapstick of this life-andsoul-of-the-party, man-in-the-Essex-pub funny guy. It's partly the sharp suits. It's partly the workaholic in him (Barrymore is the kind of performer who only appears to exists when in public: he once got so carried away he did a two-hour warm-up and exhausted the contestants before the show-

door and the light comes on he does 20 minutes," said one insider, pinching a remark which was originally made about another great manipulator of cheap sentiment, Al Jolson.)

But Barrymore does it all in a slightly fey style with a camp edge to it. All very amusing in a heterosexual. But do the public view that kind of thing differently now they know it comes from an outed gay? Is there a wince factor now in evidence?

It is sad for journalists when the facts get in the way of the story. When Barrymore was attracting 11 million viewers last year he appeared on a Sunday night (the day of the week when most people watch TV) with nothing more enticing than Songs of Praise on BBC1. His total share audience was 44 per cent.

It is true that his audience is now averaging around 9.3 million but his share is only down to an average 41 per cent compared with the 42 per

similar Noel Edmonds' House Pany at the same time. "It's not regarded as much of a drop," said one industry observer, "especially as Barrymore has a very poor lead-in from the previous programme, The Shane Richie Experience, which is the real dud of the evening, pulling an audience of only 7.5 million. Barrymore boosts that by 1.5 m. Yet for some reason people talk about Richie as the blue-eyed boy and

Barrymore as being on his last legs." in addition, Noel's House Party has the dual advantage of starting eight minutes earlier than Barrymore and gaining extra viewers towards the end of the programme as people switch on early for the National Lottery results which follow. It is a pattern that BBCI has had in place through the autumn, building up an established pattern of viewing habits for the early-

The Jeremiahs are not to be fobbed off with such detail. Even within the

began. "When he opens the fridge cent for BBC1 which screens the very than stated. The audience knew full- they dismiss the gay hypothesis in well that in his behaviour lay the possibility he might be homosexual, but it doesn't want to be told definitively."

> In previous times performers such as Frankie Howerd, Kenneth Williams and Larry Grayson knew this. They disavowed their sexuality, by avoiding direct mention of it, or - if questioned - by denying it. "It was part of their contract with the public," says Simpson. "They presented a version of themselves but they didn't push it all into the face of the public." There was something of the eunuch about them; they never prompted their audiences to ask what in private they might do

> with their genital equipment.
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> One of the reasons that the recent remakes of the Carry On films didn't work is that they were playing with boundaries - of class and gender - that people no longer recognise. The old Sixties films remain funny because they conjure up a world in which such things mattered. But contemporary

'Before, Michael Barrymore was crossing boundaries of class and gender. Now people look at him as a Homosexual with a capital H'

gay community there are those who attempts to maintain that they still do are happy to discern some greater sociological purpose behind the facts. Before he was crossing boundaries

of class and gender - all the time, but now he last lost some of his ambiguity and some of the cheekiness is lost with it," says Mark Simpson, author of the forthcoming collection of essays It's A Queer World. "People are looking at him now as a Homosexual with a capital H and everything he does is over-determined - it has too much meaning attached to it now."

Such comedy, he insists, lies in the contradictions Barrymore brought together, not least in the ambiguity of his sexuality. "It was implied rather

gain no purchase.

By contrast Barrymore is the first top performer to come out of the closet. Simpson reckons that some people now find him less amusing not out of homophobia but because advertise there and no price discampness without the irony of ambiguity loses its humour. "He may well now have to renegotiate his contract with the public."

But the hard-nosed money-brokers of the television industry have little time for such musines. Following the prin-ciple of the 12th-century nominalist philosopher William of Ockham (who advised thinkers never to introduce extra elements into any explanation) newspapers.

favour of more mundane explanations. Half of the 2-million fall in viewers is said to have occurred since Barrymore's latest series began in January. But this coincides with an expected seasonal variation - January always has more viewers than March because it is the month with the darkest nights of the year and people stay in more because they are hard-up after Christmas. This year the effect was compounded by particularly cold weather. "High viewing figures are what you would expect, as is a fall-off soon after," says Chris Boothby, broadcast director of BBJ which buys television

airtime for advertisers. In the circumstances Barrymore has done rather well, says lan Lewis, another buyer, of Zenith Media. In January his show was aired at 6pm where it pulled in 10 million viewers against the 8 million who watched *Jim* Davidson's Generation Game on BBC1 at the same time. ITV then moved Barrymore into a far more competitive slot against Noel Edmonds and the resulting drop in figures was to be expected. "No advertisers have contacted me to ask me to avoid the programme, Lewis says.

"The public's view seems to be that Barrymore's sexuality is his own concern," adds Edward Lloyd Barnes, of the TV airtime buyers IDK Media. His clients include Pizza Hut. BT and Express Newspapers - all pitched at the downmarket, older Barrymore audience. There has been no change in the type of products people want to counting which would be the sure index of falling interest. "He delivers a huge and valuable audience."

All of which is far less interesting than discovering convenient facts to support suppositions about the nation's continuing homophobia. But then money has no prejudices, in matters of sexuality at least. Which is more than can be said for some



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Latest Oftel price cap could slash phone bills by 27%

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Industrial Correspondent

Telephone bills could full by up to 27 per cent in real terms in the four years from 1997 under tough new pricing proposals by the watchdog, Oftel, Don Cruickshank, director general of Oftel, said yesterday that a typical household paying £50 per quarter now could be paying £30 less in the year 2001 for the

same use of the telephone. The proposals were attacked as "severe" and "disappointing" by BT, which had called for a much more lenient regime and an early end to all controls on international and trunk calls. The company has warned that a heavy continued cap on prices will hit investment in the industry and could result in the loss of thousands of jobs.

Mr Cruickshank said that his proposals, which are open to consultation, aim to squeeze up to £1.5bn in cumulative excess profit from BT's regulated business over the four years from

The new cap will replace the present regime which limits price changes to inflation minus 5 percentage points. Oftel's plan is to set a cap for the future between "RPI minus 5" and "RPI minus 9" and, tollowing cut 100,000 jobs in recent years the consultation, will decide the precise formula in July.

Oftel may consider ending the new cap in 1999 or focus-

ferred option is to keep the ba-sic control in place for four years. It is expected that - with increasing competition – price controls for customers will end in 2001.

Yesterday's announcement also included the first price-cap-ping formulae on BT's charges for rival companies which use its wires. At the same time the regulator is also demanding sweeping new anti-competitive powers over BT and will present these proposals to the company in a package with the price con-trols. Should BT fail to agree with Mr Cruickshank, the issue will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

proposals. Oftel had been "extremely optimistic" in its assumptions on market growth and in the company's ability to cut costs. adding: "We find it hard to believe that some of the figures are achievable. Oftel's view of market growth will require a major change in consumer and business use of telephone lines in the UK."

BT said that in setting out the

Mr Cruickshank said that he is seeking real reductions in unit costs of 4.5 per cent per year while BT argues that it can do about half that, having already and gone through major structural change.

"BT must appreciate that what they have done so far is

a 4.5 per cent real reduction in unit costs. That is a reasonably tough target - but that is where try is going at this point in time."

BT also attacked as unacceptable Oftel's view that its rate of return should be about 12 to 13 per cent compared with the company's present figure of about 16 per cent overall and 20 per cent for the regulated businesses. John Butler, BT's director for regulatory affairs. said: "We are disappointed and the more we analyse the detail in Oftel's report the more disappointed I become."

BT's shares fell by 7.5p to 344.5p on the view that the proposals are tougher than had been expected. Some City analysts said that Mr Cruickshank's plans are "bad news for BT but others said that they represent "steady as you go".

James Dodd, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson, said: "The industry may have been hoping for something more lenient but it seems to me that this is really quite gentle compared with some of Oftel's previous ideas. This is business as usual." Shares in Cable & Wireless

rose by 8p to 491p in spite of the knock-on effect on its Mercury Communications subsidiary of BT price cuts. Peter Howell-Davies. Mercury's chief executive, said: "Price controls are necessary but they should be fo-



sumer. The danger of carrying on with the existing 'blunt instrument' approach to price controls is that it will stifle the competition that already exists and limit consumer choice."

The Cable Communications Association said that Oftel

success already achieved by new operators in delivering "the protection consumers need from monopoly pricing.

The National Consumer Council gave a cautious welcome. A spokeswoman said: "It is good that the regulator has not buckled under pressure from in-

only share-dealing business.

without consulting the board.

does this you have to ask some

questions about his behaviour," Mr Brydon said, adding: "It is

very important that the chief ex-

"When a chief executive

sumers depends on how BT juggles prices on individual services vithin the umbrella cap. The NCC wants to see local call

charges come down sharply but fears that - as in the past - businesses and those making international calls will benefit most.

CBI attacks Blair over late payment plan

PETER RODGERS

A row broke out yesterday over Labour's plans for statutory payment of interest on overdue debts when Tony Blair was told Industry and the Chambers of Commerce that legislation would make the problem worse.
But Stan Mendham, chief

executive of the Forum of Private Business, backed Mr Blair's proposal, calling it "courageous stuff," and adding that Mr Blair now had to fight the CBI and "no other government has ever overcome the

Tony Bonner, chairman of the CBI small and medium enter-prises committee, said: "The Labour Party is out of step with business opinion. Most small firms oppose the measure."

Mr Bonner said larger customers would insist on more time to pay and suppliers to small businesses would have no hesitation in charging interest on debts owed by smaller customers. He rejected Mr Blair's proposal for a threshold below which the legislation would not

apply.

But Labour retorted that a Lloyds Bank survey last week found 75 per cent of small firms in favour of a statutory right to interest. Chris Greenall, head of policy at the Chambers of Commerce, said: "A statutory right to interest may hurt the very firms it is meant to help." Ian Lang, President of the Comment, page 21 | Board of Trade, made clear that

legislate and said that most small firm representatives op-

posed the idea.

Confirming his policy in a speech to Labour's Industry Forum in the City, Mr Blair said that there would be a "new and different relationship between my party and the small business sector." As well as statutory interest. Labour would require. large companies to publish their payment practices and would make government and state. agencies settle bills in 30 days.

Mr Blair promised to beef up Business Links, the network of small business advice centres established by Michael Heseltine when President of the Board of Trade. Mr Blair also said he was thinking of making 1-Business Links responsible for specialist financial advice to nall firms. Labour claims to have suggested the concept of the one-stop shop in 1992.



Tony Blair: Plan to impose

Market-maker labels Lawrence 'a loose cannon ready to explode'



Donald Brydon: Rejected

Michael Lawrence, the sacked chief executive of the Stock Exchange, was a loose cannon that threatened to explode at any moment causing immense damage, a leading City market-

Lawrence that he was ousted by a "classic coup" of marketmakers fearing that proposed reforms to the way shares are traded would hit their business, Donald Brydon, deputy chief executive of BZW, said the truth was very different. "Over a significant time many

Exhange board members became edgy about aspects of Mr Lawrence's performance. There were many opportunities to gain the impression that at

any moment the opportunity existed for an explosion to occur over one incident or another," Mr Brydon told the Treasury Select Committee. Giving evidence to the MPs

moments later, John Kemp-Welch, the chairman of the Stock Exchange, rejected Mr maker said yesterday. Lawrence's accusation that he Rejecting allegations by Mr could have saved him by supporting him. "I find it a doubt-ful proposition. When put to the vote, not one member of the board voted in favour of Mr Lawrence," he said. He also denounced Mr

Lawrence's account of a marketmakers' coup. "It is totally and absolutely untrue that two or three market-making firms brought about, or could have brought about, Mr Lawrence's dismissal. I can't stress this too strongly.' Ian Salter, deputy chairman

of the Exchange, said it had be- sue ShareLink, the executioncome clear from early November of last year that Mr Lawrence had to go. Mr Brydon said the former chief executive's erratic behaviour was causing concern much earlier on. He said it was impossible to divorce

'I like Mr Lawrence, he did some good things. He was a very clever man, but he was generally regarded as unsafe'

Lawrence's decision last year to some good things for the Ex-

Lawrence as "generally unsafe", Mr Brydon said: "The opportunity for damage to the Exchange was very high. He cited as one example Mr

personality from the reasons for ecutive in any organisation unthe dismissal. Describing Mr derstands the interaction between themselves and the

board. It is not the role to build policy outside the board and then inform it later."
"I like Mr Lawrence, he did

clever man, but he was gener-

Mr Kemp-Welch and Mr Brydon both said that Mir Lawrence's dismissal was not occasioned by concern among big firms at proposals for reforming the way shares are traded in London.

quote-driven system and replacing it with an automated buy and sell orders.

consultation on the trading reforms BZW made clear its opposition, suggesting a nochange option.

The proposals would have missal as untrue. done away with the marketmakers' domination of the cile with the reality of the

electronic system that matches During the recent market

Yesterday Mr Brydon ap-peared more emollient, and

change, he brought in excellent management. He was a very that the Exchange's steering of the board over a period of that the Exchange's steering committee, of which he is a member, would unanimously recommend today the introduction of an order-matching

system to London. Both Mr Kemp-Welch and Mr Brydon dismissed parts of Mr Lawrence's account of events leading up to his dis-

"I find it difficult to reconmonths I lived through as a member of the board," Mr Bry-

Mr Kemp-Welch reiterated his argument that the reason for Mr Lawrence's dismissal was not a sudden knifing in the back by an unrepresentative cabal of powerful members of the Ex-

change, but the result "of an ero-

time, and clearly related to his handling of a number of issues." Questioned by Diane Abbott, Labour, about Mr

Lawrence's account that he a. told Mr Brydon he could only go onto the steering committee on trading reforms if he first made a public statement of support for an electronic ordermatching system, the BZW executive retorted: "That is catagorically untrue. No such conversation took place."

Mr Brydon said that the "excellent consultation" of the market just carried out by the Exchange on the trading reform proposals was in stark contrast to practice under Mr Lawrence. "Consultation previously was anecdotal, selective and perceived by many to be self-servsion of confidence on the part ing," he said.

to become Chinese centre

and TOM STEVENSON

Plans to build a 360,000 sq ft Chinese trade centre in the bombed South Quay area of London's Docklands have emerged as one of the first attempts to rebuild after the devastation of last month's IRA attack that killed two people and caused millions of pounds worth of damage.

Capital & Provident, the vehicle of wealthy tax exile Cyril Dennis and one of the leading Docklands property investors, is working on two deals that could transform almost a million square feet of offices at

The idea for a Chinese trade centre has been a feature of proposals for the redevelopment of London's former docks ever since the London Docklands Development Corporation took

responsibility for the area in the early 1980s. An early plan to build a centre in the Royal Docks to the east of the current developments was shelved about IU years ago.

Now it appears that early

negotiations are under way again. Simon Mann, managing director of Capital & Provident. said the scheme was still in its very early stages but he con-firmed that preliminary discussions had been held with the relevant Chinese authorities in London and the Department of

Trade and Industry.

This is one of the projects we are moving along with since the bomb and we have had fairly high level meetings with both the Chinese and British sides."

Mandy Robinson, deputy director of the China-Britain Trade group, said she had spoken with the LDDC and was due to

Source: FT Information

meet with Mr Mann to discuss the trade centre: "As far as I understand, the centre will provide offices for Chinese and Hong Kong businesses who need a rep-

resentation in Europe."

If the centre goes ahead it will mark a return to the area of a Chinese community which was once a thriving feature of London's docks. Mr Dennis, who made £50m

profit from selling his private property portfolio to Legal & General in March 1994, has also begun preliminary discussions with a consortium made up of the owners of buildings directly affected by the IRA bomb to transform almost 500,000 square feet of space in the area around South Quay station from offices to residential, retail and leisure use.

The plans are likely to involve the demolition of many of the bomb-affected offices.

South Quay bomb site set | New York pension fund | joins siege of tobacco

and TOM STEVENSON

New York State has told managers of its giant pension fund not to make any further investment in tobacco stocks, compounding the sense of siege among America's leading ciga-

rette manufacturers. Unusually the decision has been taken not on ethical grounds but in response to the perceived investment risk of the

With a portfolio of \$74.5bn er tobacco companies.

(£48bn), the New York pension fund is the second-largest in the US after California's. It has \$636m invested in Philip Morris, American Brands and oth-Part of the state's tobacco in-

vestment is in BAT shares,

which although they closed 1p

higher vesterday at 488p, have

beginning of March, wiping £2.6bn from the tobacco and insurance group's market value.

The decision, announced by New York's comptroller. Carl McCall, came on the heels of a week of misery for most tobacco companies, which have seen a near-vertical plunge in their share prices. Philip Morris and RJR Nabisco have slumped 16 per cent and 15 per cent

respectively.

The turmoil follows the decision last week by the Liggett Group to settle in a high-profile class-action suit against tobacco manufacturers, claiming that they deliberately manipulated nicotine levels in cigarettes to turn smokers into addicts. Attention is focused now on whether the slide in tobacco

stocks is a short-term blip

caused by a storm that will

pass, or whether investors will

tumbled 15 per cent since the reassess the risk of buying the stocks and spurn them over the

long term. '
"I think there has been a fundamental shift because a whole lot of new information is coming to light about what the companies knew in the past about the addictiveness of nicotine." Graham Kelder, a lawyer with the Tobacco Products Liability Project at Northeastern University said yesterday. "This is looking bad for the industry, because it really looks as if you have got people who are will-ing to kill other people to make

Fund managers in London were yesterday taking a more sanguine view of tobacco stocks. One leading manager, who asked not to be named, said: There are risks but you have to weigh up the price you are paying for that risk. To say never is a little dramatic."

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A harsh regime but BT is big enough to take it British Telecom surely never seriously expected Oftel to run up the white flag and shandon price constitution above 5 per cent by 1999 and perhaps abandon price constitution above 5 per cent by 1999 and perhaps abandon price constitution above 5 per cent by 1999 and perhaps abandon price constitution above 5 per cent by 1999 and perhaps abandon price constitution above 5 per cent by 1999 and perhaps above 6 perhaps above 6 per cent by 1999 and 1999 and 1999 and 1999 above 6 per cent by 1999 and 1999 and 1999 above 6 perhaps above 6 per cent by 1999 and 1999 above 6 perhaps above 6 per cent by 1999 and 1999 above 6 perhaps above 6 pe

abandon price regulation altogether when the present controls run out in July 1997. But it COMMENT night realistically have hoped for a more enlightened approach than the one meted out by the industry watchdog vesterday. Even if 'BT's campaign for early full-scale deregulation was never a runner. But:

competition in telecommunications were already sufficiently developed to make price regulation unnecessary, which it is not, the public is plainly not yet ready to see the bobby en-irely removed from the beat. BT's campaign for early full-scale deregulation was never a runner. But a more relaxed approach, with a more relaxed a progressive phasing out of most forms of approach certainly price control by the turn of the century? Certainly that seemed a possibility. seemed a possibility

As it is, rigid price controls are to remain until 2001, and on the face of it, they are harsh ones too. The more BT studied the detail of Don Cruickshank's proposals yesterday, the more depressed it became about them. While the overall price cap of the rate of inflation minus 5 to 9 per cent does not seem significantly different from the one presently in force - RPI minus 7.5 - it is plainly not possible for BT to carry on cutting costs at the present rate indefinitely. During the period of the present price controls the BT work-force has shrunk by over 100.000 to 134,000. There's more to go but not much.

Furthermore, in setting the new price cap the regulator is making some heroic assumptions about growth. Phone usage is obviously going to grow dramatically over the next five of call minutes per line will rise by only 2 minutes to 13 minutes. The regulator, by contrast, is assuming usage will rise by more than half to 17 minutes.

And there is worse. As foreshadowed in an earlier discussion document, in calculating the price cap. Mr Cruicks as ik has slashed the allowed rate of reference necepital to a range of just 9.2 per c 13.4 per cent, a level which BT, and d many of i d many of

its competitors, regards a mally inadequate. What this means in theman's terms is that in order to raise the rate of return to a more acceptable level. BT is going to have to outperform the regulator's already optimistic assumptions on both volume and the scope for efficiency gains. If it underper-forms on only one of these yardsticks, its rate of return will fall below even the regulator's prescribed level and there will be nothing BT can do about it.

Enough special pleading for BT, however. BT is always crying wolf and it is undoubtedly exaggerating the true position in the hope of winning concessions. Furthermore, BT is large and financially robust enough to take the pain if the regulator does prove to have been over-zealous. The real question is: are the others? If the price ceiling is too low, competitors will be discouraged from coming into the market. Even now, BT's competitors are not exactly in rude health. Since all competitors have to under-

bly so for them. Paradoxically, therefore, the effect of the regulator's proposals might be "one. For the telecommunications company to make BT even more dominant than it is now, by driving the competition out of the market place.

Efficiency gain and investment are also finked issues. You do not get efficiency gain without investment and if the return allowed on new investment is too low, then you don't get any new investment. The further the reg-ulator drives down the allowed rate of Broad money and flares return, therefore, the less likely he is get the back in fashion efficiencies from which lower prices are

These are difficult issues to call, as Mr

Cruickshank readily concedes in what on the whole is a well thought out and thoroughly researched consultation document, Telecommunications is a fast changing industry. Such are the wonders of new technology that there are virtually no capacity constraints. The network's ability to absorb ever higher volumes | annual growth has been steadily increasing, is almost limitless. In theory then, there is scope for prices to fall very substantially regardless of what the regulator does. The 10p transatlantic telephone call, already a reality on the Internet, is possibly only years away. Mr Cruickshank may actually find his new price controls rendered wholly irrelevant by the force of the market alone. To happen under its own steam, this would admittedly require a really quite breathtaking increase in volume, but it is more than a possibility.

wholly commoditised and very low margin of the future, the chief source of revenue is not the traditional one of shunting voices around the globe, but in add-on, high-value services. To survive, BT is going to have to become much more of a service provider than a network operator.

ust as the catwalks have been displaying late Seventies touches such as flares and hipsters, so the latest trend in economic analysis harks back to those days of early monetarism. Broad money is back in fashion. The reason is that M4 has been the only one of the monthly indicators signalling against Mr Clarke's interest rate cuts. Its even as actual inflation and manufacturing activity have slowed. No wonder it has caught the eye of City commentators.

One well known monetarist, Professor Tim Conedon of Lombard Street Research. has concluded that the surge in M4 growth since the start of 1994 looks rather like earlier episodes of monetary expansion in 1977 and 1986. With banks eager to carry on expanding their balance sheets, it will con- chances of him doing so are none the less tinue, he reckons. The result of several | remote.

as high as 10 per cent.

The Clarke case against this monetarist revival has several strands. The new gilts repo market clearly distorted M4 upwards in January and will make the monthly figures more erratic. In addition, there has been rapid growth in the deposits and borrowings of companies and financial institutions, which is likely to be related to higher takeover activity. This does not have any immediate or direct implications for the pace of economic activity and inflation, although it might eventually. Finally, the Chancellor thinks there is no evidence yet that growth in personal sector deposits profigures faster consumer spending.

This combination of special factors and not looking too far ahead allowed Mr Clarke to conclude in his February meeting with the Governor of the Bank of England that "it was not clear that M4 growth posed an inflationary risk at the

The danger is that by the time it is clear, it will be too late to do anything about it. But Mr Clarke does not have to join the fashion groupies in the City to admit that with M4 racing away and signs of consumer spending turning positive, there is little case for the further reduction in base rates many analysis expect after the May local elections. The

Dobson replaces Craven on Deutsche board

JOHN EISENHAMMER and JOHN WILLCOCK

Michael Dobson, chief executive of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, is to replace John Craven on Deutsche Bank's main group board next week.

The surorise announcement is expected to be confirmed when Deutsche reveals its results next Thursday. Sources denied speculation that Mr Craven, who is only 55, and the architect of the deal between Morgan Grenfell and Deutsche Bank, was being pushed out.

It is said he asked for the move himself, to be able to devote more time to clients as a senior corporate financier.

The reshuffle surprised observers, however. One former insider said: "Craven is held in very high regard by the Germans. He has achieved everything there is to achieve in investment banking. I can only guess that he decided to get out on the crest of a wave.

The promotion caps the me-teoric rise of Mr Dobson, who is 42 and was only made chief. executive of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell in October 1994 when the German bank announced its

plan to base its global investment banking operations in London.

Another observer commented: "It makes sense. Dobson is a real matinée idol figure. He's got a real presence about him. iven was great for sorting out Morgan after the Blue Arrow fiasco, but now they need someone to pull a much younger

group of people together.
"For instance, they've got a
big new securities dealing room on Houndsditch and the flotation mandate from Halifax Building Society. They need to build an equity sales and trading operation fast, and Dobson looks like the man for the job."

Mr Dobson has spearheaded the integration of the operations, and the rapid expansion of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, which has set itself the target of becoming one of the world's leading investment banking houses by the end of the

John Craven will remain the chairman of Morgan Grenfell Group, the legal entity in London of the merchant banking division that has now been fully integrated into the Deutsche

Deutsche's decision to turn its back on Frankfurt in favour of the City as the hub of its investment banking ambitions was a watershed. Since then, several Continental banks have focused their investment banking attention on London, either building up existing small operations here or making big acquisitions. Dresdner Bank, Deutsche's main rival, bought

Kleinwort Benson soon after-

wards.

Since the decision to build its investment banking operation around Morgan Grenfell, Deutsche has been one of the most aggressive hirers in the City. Some 185 people have been hired since the beginning of 1995, over half in London.

For example, Deutsche Mor-gan Grenfell has just poached John Winter, formerly managing director of capital markets at Merrill Lynch in Frankfurt. Mr Winter starts in a fortnight as Deutsche's head of debt capital markets in London.

DMG, as the combined operation is named, has embarked on the next stage of its expansion, focusing on building up a full equity trading, research and sales capacity in London.



Time of change: John Craven (left) who will move off the main board, and his replacement, Michael Dobson

Refreshing signs of growth for Clarke

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

A gratifying picture for the ancellor of the economy picking up - but not so fast that it will prevent a further cut in the cost of borrowing - emerged from new figures yesterday.

Retail sales rebounded last month from their January dip, mortgage lending edged ahead and other borrowing was buoyant, while consumer confidence this month has risen slightly, according to the EU's monthly survey. However, confirming the weakness of manufacturing in contrast to the strengthening consumer sector, a survey of the engineering industry revealed that its output in the latest three months grew at the slow-

est rate for two years. The further signs of booming borrowing and rapid broad money growth prompted some economists to worry about rising inflation later this year. The long-term outlook for inflation is becoming a little less comfortable," said Martin Brookes at Goldman Sachs. But minutes of the February meeting between Chancellor Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, showed them downplaying the inflationary month and higher food sales ac-

risk posed by monetary growth.

Many City analysis firmly expect Mr Clarke to opt for a fourth cut in base rates - perhaps in May, when the monetary meeting takes place five and footwear.
days after the local elections. Sales grow "The new figures definitely do not stand in the way of a reduction," said Paul Mortimer-Lee at Paribas.

The volume of retail sales jumped 0.6 per cent in February, reversing a drop the previous month. A surge in sales of household goods during the herdson at HSBC Markets.

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counted for the increase, which took the year-on-year growth in sales volumes down slightly to 1.9 per cent. Underlying growth has been strongest in clothing

Sales growth has been around 2 per cent for the past three months but the level remains scarcely any higher than it was in November. This is weaker than survey and anecdotal evidence have suggested. "Sales performance is patchy and erratic," said Ian Shep-

Separate figures showed that the pattern of gentle recovery in the housing market continued with a slight increase in total high street bank and building society mortgage lending to £1.42bn in February from £1.41bn. Building societies lost some market share to banks. Pe-ter Williams, head of research at the Building Societies Asso-ciation, said: "Taken overall, indicators continue to suggest that a modest housing market

recovery is now under way."

Building society loans dipped

to £792m from £832m in Janu-

Volume of retail sales rowing in the new gilts repo market. Both banks and builddeposits almost as high as a year carlier, suggesting that January's Tessa outflow cased last month. Broad money growth declined from 10.7 per cent to a slightly more comfortable 9.9 per cent. sounded by the Engineering terly survey. Output and new orders grew but at the slowest pace for two years. The directorgeneral, Graham Mackenzie, said: "The recovery in engi-neering is poised on a knife-

Associate rules may be tightened ary, but bank mortgages climbed to £631m from £578m. The British Bankers' Association said other lending was ROGER TRAPP buoyant, with the monthly rise of £3.4bn well ahead of the re-

Companies will have to demonstrate significant management influence over associates if they want to consolidate their results, if proposals published by the Accounting Standards Board today come into operation.

The plans - which also include suggestions for tightening up the treatment of joint ventures - are designed to be a response to what Sir David Tweedie, ASB chairman, describes as "an increasing - and

an increasingly complex - element of modern business life". The proposals were wel-comed by Gerry Acher, head of audit and accounting at KPMG and chairman of the Institute of Chartered Accountants' audit faculty, as "a move in the right direction". He added: "The definition of an associated company is one that has been abused in the past, and I am pleased that the ASB has ought to clarify the position."

For influence to be regarded as influential the investor company would have to participate

those concerning strategy, and the recipient would have to implement policies consistent with the strategy of the investor and avoid those that were contrary

to the investor's interests. These requirements are designed to avoid situations like the one that occurred several years ago, during United News-papers' bid for Fleet Holdings. Because United had built up a stake in its prey ahead of the bid it was able to include a share of Fleet's profits in results designed to show its financial strength - even though it was hardly likely to be able to exert

the influence required for associate company status.

The ASB is also keen to encourage certainty - trying to ensure that companies do not change the treatment of such stakes from associate to trade investment when the profits in the investee company turn to losses, as the Asda supermarket group did with its MFI interest

in the early 1990s. The paper also moves on from previous rules by sug-gesting a new definition of joint

Flextech sacrifices profits for expansion

MATHEW HORSMAN

Flextech, the high-flying cable and satellite programme packager, is unlikely to make operating profits in the medium term, its chief executive, Roger Luard, said yesterday.

"We will continue to expand and to seek value for our shareholders," he said. "If we wanted to, we could be profitable within 12 months with our current operations, but we choose to continue to expand."

The company, which owns or manages cable and satellite channels such as Discovery, Playboy and Bravo and has a 💯 per cent stake in Scottish TV, yesterday unveiled its latest acquisitions, including the buyout of the 61 per cent of the Family Channel it did not already own along with associated studio facilities - for a combined price of £30.5m, payable in shares and

The company, owned 50.1 per cent by Tele-Communications International, a subsidiary of the US cable giant TCI, is also buy-ing a controlling interest in the "infomercial" business of the Home Shopping Network, which will give the UK company a share of joint venture operations in Asia, France, Spain and Brazil.

The news came as Flextech unveiled profits after exceptional items of £16.4m, compared with a loss last time of £18.5m. The figures were swelled by a one-off gain of £33.2m after the sale of the cable franchises held by the comралу's IVS Cable Holdings. Stripping out the sale, operatng losses were £16.8m.

The company intends to expand further in 1996. Mr Luard said, pointing to the planned launch of the Sega channel in mid-1996. The channel, which will allow unlimited use of 16bit Sega games for about £10 a month, is expected to cost £1 m to set up and he profitable in its second year, Mr Luard said. At least 25 games are expected to be available each month.

Purchase of the remaining stake in the Family Channel would be followed by consolidation of the company's other programming stakes "as and when possible." Flextech is a partner, with the BBC and Pearson, the media and leisure company, in UK Gold, a pop-ular pay-TV channel.

In Brief

- Germany's broad money measure, M3, surged in February. diminishing hopes for an early cut in German interest rates - despite mounting evidence of the weak state of the economy. There was a 1.7 per cent jump in M3 in the month, taking the headline growth from the previous fourth quarter to 12.6 per cent. Separately, the respected economic research institute IFO reported the third successive drop in business confidence, to the lowest level since January 1994. Economists still expect the Bundesbank to cut its key rates, but later than originally seemed likely.
- Hillsdown Holdings has reached an "advanced" stage in negotiations to acquire the UK canning activities of HP Foods, a wholly owned subsidiary of Groupe Danone, for an undisclosed sum. HP canned products have an estimated UK market share of 5.8 per cent. Hillsdown is also negotiating a licence to continue manufacturing and internationally marketing canned baked beans and pasta under the HP brand name.
- US retail sales rose 0.8 per cent in February thanks to the biggest incesse in new car sales for six months. The increase disappointed expectations of a stronger rebound from January's weather-related fall. Excluding cars, sales were up 0.4 per cent following a 0.2 per cent fall in January.
- . Motor vehicle output in the UK last month reached its highest level since comparable figures began in 1977, thanks to higher production of cars for export. Total car production in the latest er production of cats for expect than in the previous three. reduce the cost for the hardest

Lloyd's nears £200m loan deal

JOHN EISENHAMMER Financial Editor

Lloyd's of London is nearing a deal with bankers on raising a £200m loan to increase the settlement pot for hard-hit names. The insurance society has also reached agreement in principle with the market's brokers over their £100m additional contribution to the fund, increasing the chances of achieving a glob-

al settlement by the summer. Names' leaders are increasingly confident that Lloyd's will find up to £500m on top of the £2.8bn fund it has earmarked to buy-off litigation and help with the cost of re-insuring all old liabilities into a new company, Equitas. The Names Committee advising Lloyd's said a further £500m was needed to

hit, who tend to be the strongest litigants, and whose support is essential for the recovery plan to succeed. Another £500m in the settlement pot would halve the maximum Equitas bill of £100,000 currently facing some

nine thousand names. The loan is not believed to be as great as Lloyd's had initially hoped, because the society no longer has large security to offor the banks. It recently sold the Lloyd's building to a Germany property company. Lloyd's lead UK banker is NatWest Group, along with Citihank in the US.

Senior sources at Lloyd's said that an "agreement in principle" has already been reached with brokers over a £100m contribution. The brokers' representatives are now faced with the complex task of dividing up the burden of the payment between their members, who range from large international houses to small brokers completely dependent on the society.

cent average. Non-mortgage

lending to individuals was

£333m, similar to the previous

month. Lending to manufac-

turing was more than £100m

higher at £278m. Analysts said

lending for takeover activity

played a part in explaining the

strength of corporate borrowing.
Total lending included in M4

was £7.3bn, down from £9.8bn

in January but still swollen by

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The weak note vesterday was

Employers Federation's quar-

However, Anthony Howland-Jackson, who has been leading the negotiations for the Lloyd's Insurance Brokers Committee, said that talk of an agreement is premature. "The talks are at an advanced stage," he said. adding "there is considerable goodwill in the broking community to creating a healthy market in the future".

The focus has now switched to managing and members' agents, with names lobbying hard to have their £200m contribution significantly increased. "This is one issue that unites all names, and there is not the slightest possibility of names accepting the global settlement if uncertainty in the rescue plan.

the agents do not contribute more," said Michael Deeny, a moderate action group leader.

Names are looking for an overall agents' contribution of between £350 and £400m, out of their profit commission for the years 1993 to 1995 estimated to be worth £600m. Another action group leader, Christopher Messer, has written to David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, threatening to call an EGM to torce through a higher contribution. "This is not a route any of us want to go, we would rather agents recognise their obligations," said Mr Deeny.

Talks with the E&O underwriters, who insure the businesses of professionals inside the Lloyd's market, have now been concluded. Earmarked for £800m, this ends some of the

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Renaissance at General Cable boosts Wassall

glomerate tag. The shares have barely outperformed the rest of the market over the past two years, but yesterday's 10p rise to 287p suggests that sentiment is now on

That optimism reflected the announcement of underlying profits before exceptionals 42 per cent ahead at £50.7m for the year to December. More revealing, given the kicker provided by a first full-year contribution from General Cable, which was acquired for £177m in the middle of 1994, was the 30 per cent uplift in earnings per share to 17.4p. That brings compound growth in earnings over the past five years to an impressive

General Cable, a supplier of copperwire, now looks to have been a buy worthe of Hanson at its best. Year-on-year profits have doubled to \$40.9m (£32.6). while margins have climbed from 2.8 per cent before the acquisition to 4.7 per cent last year. In the space of 18 months, Wassall has achieved what it set out to do in

three years.

Fears that General Cable may be a diminishing asset as fibre optic takes over from copper wire in telecoms and data applications may be overdone.

For a start, the US group's renaissance under Wassall's ownership has already allowed it to profit from the shake-out in the industry, enabling it to double its market share in telecoms over the past 18 months to 30 per cent.

There should also be rich pickings in the data communications business, which currently provides only 16 per cent of General Cable's business but is growing

at over 20 per cent a year.

Electrical wire in buildings still amounts for 40 per cent of the business, and is likely to remain sluggish this year, but sales growth elsewhere and further rationalisation should enable Wassall to lift margins at General Cable another point this year. The 7 per cent achieved by the industry's best must be the medi-

Meanwhile, worries that Wassall's orig-

Wassall might at last be emerging from the shadow of its unfashionable conlem compounded by depressed DIY decurrently, steadier raw materials prices

augur well for this year. Wassall still has to prove that it can keep all its balls in the air at once, but a forward price earnings ratio of 14 - assuming clean profits of £62.5m in 1996

Mixed fortunes

There is so much going on at Harrisons & Crosfield, the building supplies and chemicals group, that it is difficult to make sense of the company's figures.

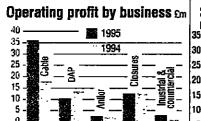
The group is undergoing a metamorphosis under chief executive Bill Turcan, who is doing his best to put an end to a disappointing period in which the company has slipped on several banana skins. Past problems have included pigs, animal feeds, dog food and chemicals. Almost every division, in fact.

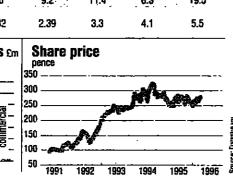
More change is to follow. Mr Turcan has already offloaded the forestry products business. Yesterday he announced plans to sell or float off the plantations division which produces palm oil. This will sever the company's last links with its trading past dating back to the nineteenth century. The plan is to concentrate on two main divisions: chemicals and building products. Acquisitions are expected, although the company has nothing in its sights.

That leaves the pet food and animal feeds divisions in limbo and hints at eventual demerger when the company is stripped down to two divisions with nothing in common. Mr Turcan would not say as much yesterday but he confirmed that management was not frightened to change

In its current form, the company has turned in a mixed performance. Profits last year were down from £236m in 1994 to £124m last year, although the 1994 figure was boosted by £130m of disposals. Opinal bottle tops and sealants businesses erating profits, the more meaningful fig-were running out of steam also look wide ure, were 20 per cent higher at £130m. Of of the mark. It was not possible to fully the divisions, the chemicals business in-

_	Market value: £556m, share price 287p											
	Five-Year record	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995						
	Turnover (£m)	165 _	251	278	639	973						
	Pre-lax profits (£m)	10.3	17.8	27.6	21.9	57.5						
	Earnings per share (pence)	8.0	9.2	11.4	8.3	19.5						
	Dividends per share (pence)	1.82	2.39	3.3	4.1	5.5						





lem compounded by depressed DIY demand, so margins suffered in 1995. But, to higher prices but will fall this year as the price subsides.

- is a stingy rating given the potential.

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the structure of the company.

eyebrows by analysts who found it difficult to make the numbers add up. Beazer claimed vesterday that it was in no need of a big acquisition to make up for its failure to pick up Ideal Homes, the Trafalgar House subsidiary for which it

was pipped at the post by Persimmon. But the bitterness it expressed at being shut out of that deal suggests that it feels uneasy about generating growth

The problem area was timber and

building supplies, where profits slumped by a third. Harcros started the year well

but then slid downhill in a difficult market. The outlook here is grim, with the UK

business in particular reliant on a pick-up

After the slump in the shares two years

ago, there has been some recovery this year but the future remains clouded until the

new structure emerges. Panmure Gordon

has downgraded its profit forecast to

£121m this year. With the shares down 4p

to 167p yesterday they are on a forward rating of 15. With so many uncertainties, they are no more than a hold.

Beazer's half-year figures to the end of

December confirmed one thing - the housing market in the second half of 1995

was unremittingly awful. Beyond that,

however, the former Hanson subsidiary's

presentation produced more questions

Turnover slumped during the six-month period from £204.5m to £158.2m, a de-

liberate policy, the company said, of not chasing unprofitable sales. As a result pre-

tax profits also slipped, from £24.5m to

£18.5m, earnings per share fell to 4.6p (6.2p), still comfortably covering a full-

Maintaining an operating margin of 11.2 per cent was something of an achievement against a backdrop of volumes falling almost twice as fast as the

market as a whole. Total completions

reached 2,570 compared with 3,301 in the

In fact doing so while the cost of the

land under each house increased by

£600, incentives rose by £500 and house

prices were flat, was greeted with raised

year dividend of 2p (1.95p).

previous first half-year.

Beazer ruffles

City feathers

than answers.

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Despite ruffled feathers in the City yesterday, Beazer's shares actually edged up 2p to 175p, at which level, on the basis of forecast profits this year of £45m and £50.5m next, the shares stand on a prospective price/earnings ratio for calendar 1997 of 13.8.

That compares with a sector average of 13.4 and just 11 times earnings for Barratt in the same period. Beazer has a strong balance sheet

with net cash of £29m and it pointed yesterday to better demand in the second half of its year as the Government cranks up the pre-election feel-good factor.

Even so, with the uncertainty of its acquisition ambitions, the shares are high

John Willcock CITY DIARY

Miller kept out of Rudd knees-up

Nigel Rudd, chairman of Williams Holdings and a clutch of other companies, is celebrating his 50th birthday with a golfing party at the famous Belfry golf course in Sutton Coldfield. "Only close personal friends have been invited," a source said.

One person who sadly will miss the shindig is Chris Miller, chief executive of Wassall, another mini-conglomerate. Yesterday Mr Miller unveiled Wassall's sparkling full-year profits but admitted that an impending operation on a knee ligament prevented him from ac-

cepting the invite. Mr Miller is still trying to get into Sunningdale, another famous club, although he feared that his handicap of 17 was too high. Something like 15 would be fine, he said.

DTZ Debenham Thorpe just missed its appointment with destiny yesterday lunchtime. Rob Andrew, a former investment director with the property agents and ex-kick-er for the England rugby team, failed by a big margin to beat the world place kick record. The attempt in Lon-

cording to the Guinness Book of Records Douglas Francis Theodore Markel What is the connection between Roy Orbison, Fulham Football Club and the Midland Bank? The answer of course is Dennis Turner, head of Midland's business economic unit. Dennis is normally to be found touring the country and lecturing businessmen on the need for a stronger British manufacturing sector. He has, however, found time to write four books on Fulham, including the club's official history.

don's Regents Park raised

several thousand pounds for

the property industry's chari-ty for the homeless, Land

But Rob, or "Mr Golden

managed only 56.2m, against

the world record of 91m. Ac-

Aid, and launched the first

ever Property Awards.

He is also a regular writer of sleeve notes for a friend's record company which reissues collections by golden oldies such as Roy Orbison, Van Morrison, Waylon Jennings and Joe Cocker. "I recently did 5,000 words for a box set of Ray Charles CDs. Fantastic," Dennis said yesterday. A welcome break from Midlands metalbashers, no doubt.

kicked this distance for South Africa in 1906. According to one witness. Rob "raised a sérious eyebrow when told this - it's almost the entire length of the pitch".

Old-timers' shindig: Nigel Rudd will celebrate his 50th birthday in swinging style

Tony Blair is working hard to improve relations between the Labour Party and small businesses in the wake of the Government's cack-handed treatment of the late payment row. Yesterday he spoke at a City meeting titled "Labour and the SMEs (small and medium enterprise) and the growth agenda".

Hundreds attended, but most were either from Quangos or academia. "Only a handful of small businessmen were there," admitted one person on the platform.

The Conservative Party is

Broadcast today, the filming of which has been "shambolic", according to internal sources. The idea dreamt up by M&C Saatchi was for scenes depicting scenes of prosperity, with a voice-over along the lines of: "You'd have thought this was Sweden. In fact it's Britain under the Tories." They wanted a shot of somebody in the City so they approached John Godfrey, head of corporate communications at Lehman Brothers, for permission to use the Broadgate head office. Mr Godfrey, who is also a potential Tory candidate,

had to turn them down. He explained: "We don't as a firm mix it in politics in any direction. This is nothing to do with my politics." All the same, it's unlikely to endear him to a selection committee.

putting out a Party Political

IN BRIEF **Trinity shrugs off** • Britannic Assurance, which earlier this year decided to quit motor insurance, is to move into health insurance. Announcing newsprint costs

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Trinity Holdings, the fast-growing regional newspaper group that publishes the Liverpool Echo, vesterday shrugged off high newsprint prices and sluggish consumer confidence to unveil record pre-tax profits of £27.5m, 20 per cent ahead year-Turnover was up 2 per cent

to £167.9m, reflecting conditions in the highly competitive regional market. The Chester-based company,

which last year bought the regional newspapers of Thomson Corporation for £286m, is now the market leader, and expects to add to its holdings as the consolidation of the sector continues. Analysis expect further con-

traction of the industry, with some titles closing and many more changing hands. Late last year, Reed Elsvier, the Anglo-Dutch media giant, sold its chain of regional newspapers to a management buyout team.

Commenting on the results, Philip Graf, Trinity's chief ex-ecutive, said: "The delivery of record profits has been a fine achievement, particularly when faced with the rapid escalation in newsprint prices". The UK newspaper industry

has been rocked by increases of up to 40 per cent in the past 18 months, due to tight supplies and rising demand in emerging markets, particularly Asia. Trinity's newsprint bill rose by 25 per cent in the year. However, a cost-cutting exercise and tight controls combined to push op-erating margins in the UK to 19.8 per cent from 18.8 per cent, partly offsetting the rise.

Advertising markets were weaker in the second half, with volumes particularly low following the Budget in November. Mr Graf said that the end of the newspaper price war had allowed the company to in-

fering circulation losses. The smaller North American operations had mixed results.

crease cover prices without suf-

operating profits up 7.1 per cent to £50.6m for 1995, the group said it intended to introduce critical illness insurance later this year. It said discussions were continuing with the Department of Trade and Industry about the ownership of so-called "orphan" assets - surpluses built up in its long-term life funds. Reported profits, including capital gains and losses required to be declared under new European Union rules, leapt from £35.5m to £63.8m. A final dividend of 10.8p raises the total 10 per cent to 15.4p.

 Kwik-Fit said it was looking to extend direct marketing op-portunities with customers on the back of the Kwik-Fit Insurance Services telephone marketing operation it launched last year. The group also announced plans to raise its 100-strong fleet of mobile tyre-fitting vehicles to 250 and extend the service from fleet operators to certain parts of the private motoring market. Pre-tax profits jumped 24 per cent to £36.3m in the year to February, on sales 23 per cent ahead to £365m. The dividend rises 14 per cent to 5p, after a final of 3.1p.

	COMPA	NY RESULT	S	
	Turnover £	Pre-lax £	EPS	Dividend
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Br itonnic Assurtace (F)	- (-)	63.Bm (35.5m)	25.17p (10.34p)	15.4p (14p)
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Kwit-Fit (F)	365m (298m)	36.3m (29.3m)	14.7p (11.9p)	5p (4.4p)
Bernard Matthews (F)	302m (284m)	18.7m (18.6m)	10.45p (10.32p)	3.39p (3.14p)
Hermaten Tools; (F)	278m (276m)	17.1m (20.2m)	8.48p (10.65p)	6.9p (6.75p)
Wace Group (F)	312m (324m)	20.5m (23.1m)	14.7p (21p)	5.85p (5.25p) ·
Weir Group (F)	622m (476m)	45.5m (30.5m)	16.6p (13p)	7.5p (6.96p)
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Pictured here is the Rose & Crown Hotel in Salisbury, Wiltshire. This traditional coaching inn dates back to the 13th Century and overlooks the River Avon and the Salisbury Cathedral. The Hotel's Conservatory Restaurant offers an extensive menu and wine list. A double room for two people for two nights costs just £110.

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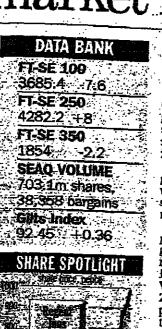
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Glaxo Wellcome casts an eye over the biotech babes

Glaxo Wellcome, the drugs giant with a £28.3bn capitali-sation, could be thinking of descending on some of the high

thing bio babes. That was the stock market gossip as Glaxo shares continued to suffer from the admission it needs more deals to

maintain its drugs momentum. Earlier this month, when group demonstrated just how much it needed last year's £9bn Wellcome acquisition. With its lucrative ulcer drug, new wave of his companies. Zantac, coming under intense pressure and the Retrovir Aids treatment attracting mounting criticism, the need for more drugs is becoming increasingly

It was the market's appreciation of this which encouraged speculation it could mount a bid for Zeneca. But the Zeneca story has faded; its shares fell 19p to 1,343p and

Tucked away among the bio babes are some significant treatments whose progress would be accelerated by

Glaxo's undoubted muscle.

It is thought to be on the verge of announcing a tie-up with ML Laboratories, involving its Aids and cancer treatments. But the suspicion is growing Glazo may not be producing bumper results, the content with a trading pact; it could attempt to swallow ML, one of the oldest and certainly one of the more lusty of the

> funct Third Market nine years ago and has enjoyed a number of successes including kidney and asthma treatments. cheaply. With its shares 16.5p

It arrived on the now de-

higher at 420p it is valued at more than £600m. Another to attract Glavo, off 3p at 805p, is British Biotech:



MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter

of the year

The rest of the market had another lacklustre session with the FT-SE 100 index off 7.6 points at 3,685.4; the supporting index, measuring 250 shares, stretched to a new peak, up 8 points at 4,282.2.

The report, in the Indepen-

dent, that Bass had squeezed

out Whitbread and was in

talks to buy the Carisberg Tetley brewing group, came as welcome relief to Allied Domecq. The group, controlled by Kevin Leech, would not come pressure on profit and dividend worries. But the prospects of a deal over C-T where Allied

has a ball share, lifted the shares op to 497p.
Bass, with Goldman Sachs

Whitbread fell 9p to 693p, Regent Inns. seen as a takeover target for one of the big brewers, jumped 31p to a 995p peak.

Guinness, figures today, rosc 9p to 472p; Grand Met-ropolitan shaded to 429p following the latest BSE developments. Electrophoretics, developing a method of detecting early signs of BSE, improved 15p to 135p. BT fell 75p to 344.5p on the

latest Oftel onslaught which is likely to increase pressure for a merger with Cable and Wireless, up 8p to 491p. National Westminster

moured bidders.

Babcock International, the engineer, dropped 10p to 129p with Nat West Securities cutting its forecasts. The investment house is thought to be suggesting a loss for the year ending this month and cut the following year's forecast from £25m to £18.7m.

£800m, gained 4p to 638p.

Austin Reed, the clothing re-

232p as Moss Bros. unchanged

at 705p, joined the list of ru-

United Energy firmed 2p to takeover from recovery spe-15p as it confirmed a £1.54m cialists Knox D'Arcy, was sussettlement of its US legal claim, worth 3.5p a share. Graring is reduced from 76 per cent to below 50 per cent. Rameo, one of the oil groups

with interests in the former Scviet Union, was up 52p at one specialist. time, settling for a 20p gain to 565p. Suggestions it was interested in a new pipeline, lat-er denied, sparked the surge.

spuried 21p to 218p on a deal 🔲 Hotspur, the investment Austin Reed, the clothing retailer, moved ahead 15p to crashed 117p to 693p as figures underway, has attracted the came in well below expec- attention of David Williams, tations.

> MAID, another information group, improved 330p to 226p. It has 15 per cent of Easynet which starts trading on Alm tomorrow.

Symonds Engineering, suspended at 61p, is paying £112m for a printing board maker. Ingham, facing a reverse

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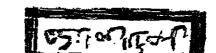
agreed to take a 1.2 per cent stake at 600p a share. Hotspur shares were unchanged at 688p.

Friendly Hotels beld at 146p. There has been small, but persistent interest with rumours of US developments. Friendly is run by the veteran hotelier Henry Edwards -Torex returned from a 31p and is the third quoted hotel

ed for the £4,8m take over of Fulmar, a high tech an electronic point-of-sale commercial printer, is likely to make a strong start to quoted life today. The shares by the obiquitous Nigel Wray, added 2.5p to 21p on whispers the long suspected reverse 30p is expected in first time

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The wage gap leaves women in part-time ghettos '

Women make up nearly half of Britain's total work-torce, thanks to a huge rise in our participation in the labour market during the past 20 years. Those years have coincided with the operation of equal pay and sex discrimination leg-islation introduced by the last

Labour government. The good news is that pay inequalities betwen men and women have shrunk during that time. The bad news is that they have not been eliminated. The lead of men's wages over women's has declined from a whopping 58 per cent in the early 1970s to around a quarter in the 1990s.

On top of that, there is new evidence of a growing polarisation in the jobs market between but more and more men - and women's hourly wages were about 80 per cent of full-timers pay. By the early 1990s they had

droped to 72 per cent.

The gender gap has been overtaken by a status gap, and it has worrying implications for the British economy. The jobs market is polarising into a shrinking high-skill, high-pay full-time segment and a rapid-ly growing low-skill, low-pay part-time segment. This is not a sensible strategy for an economy whose most serious probtem has been repeatedly diagnosed as a lack of skills.



ECONOMIC VIEW

DIANE COYLE

of people for whom information on education, family circumstances and jobs in a particular year is available. The data gives a detailed snapshot of a large group of 32-year-olds in 1978 and 33-year-olds in 1991. Between those two years women's participation in work, especially part-time, increased dramatically. In 1978 nearly one in five women worked full-time and 1991, 23 per cent worked full-

time and 58 per cent part-time. Men in the 1978 group had full-timers, men and women. In the late 1970s, part-time women, and 36 per cent on fulltime women. Full-time women's pay was 40 per cent higher than for part-time women. By 1991 these gaps had changed.

to 40 per cent, 20 per cent and 52 per cent respectively. Hourly The authors, Pierella Paci and

Heather Joshi, look at all the possible explanations for these changes furnished by economic theory and try to measure their separate contributions. Any parts of the wage gaps un-explained by the theories represent raw discrimination.

The central element of an economist's attempt to rationalise unequal pay is the notion of human capital. Workers are rewarded for their productivity. which depends on their educational attainments, other skills and job experience. More training and more experience build

	Wag	ge gaps										
1991, 33-year-olds												
	Men: all women	Men: full- time women	Full-time: part- time women									
Total	40.1	20.1	52.0									
Explained by human capital	9.7	1.7	23.1									
Explained by human capital and jobs	22.3	7.1	42.9									
Unexplained	14.6	12.1	6.4									

human capital, while episodes out of a job diminish it.

There was a marked improvement in these measures of women's human capital be-tween the 1978 and 1991 groups. For example, among the first group-born in 1946-8 per cent of full-timers and 2 per cent of part-timers had a university dewages for men were £7.38, for full-time women £4.04.
gree, compared with 10 per cent of men. In the later generation—born in 1958—full-time women were more likely than men to have a degree, at 17 per cent versus 15 per cent. But only 7 per cent of part-time women had qualifications at that level.

> Not surprisingly, improving educational standards turn out to provide part of the explanation for the observed changes in wage gaps. Not very much, though - after all, full-time women are now better qualified on average then full-time men. but still get paid less. As the recent special women's issue of the New Yorker observed, there is no such thing as a glass ceiling - it is a very dense layer of men.

There were similar increases in women's job experience and

tenure between the two groups.

The DFEE paper therefore turns to the next possible theoretical explanation, which is that women and men have dif-ferent sorts of jobs. Industries can have varying market struc-tures and compensating job characteristics which could explain different wage rates. There are clearly "female ghettos" in the labour market. The highest concentrations of men are in industries such as engineering and transport. Full-time women



are concentrated in finance and education. Part-time women are most concentrated in catering. Part-timers are also more likely to work for small firms.

Taken together with the human capital explanation, job characteristics help explain a lot thors note, however, that this de-Taken together with the hu-man capital explanation, job more of the wage gap - especially the difference between full and part-time rates. However, a significant part of the gap be- and return to the same employer tween men's and women's pay are not penalised.

Part of the remainder - a small part - is due to the wellknown penalty to motherhood. While bosses often reward male employees for their parenthood cline in earnings power affects only women who quit their job.

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This keeness is, however. noticably absent. In today's tough labour market such measures are seen as unnecessary luxuries.

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Heather Joshi observes: There is a clear trend towards casualisation and a cheap labour strategy. Government policy has favoured that strategy rather than the alternative of nurturing the quality of

This effect of labour market deregulation is at odds with the Government's repeated desire to see Britain compete effectively in high-skill, high-valueadded industries.

Secondly, this trend means the pattern of employment is polarising between haves and have-nots. Ms Joshi says: "To compete for secure and wellpaying jobs, people on the inside are working themselves like crazy. People on the outside are insecure and badly paid. It reduces the quality of every-body's life and the quality of

their work.
Unfortunately, there is not much evidence that this increasing polarisation is slowing down - if anything the re- f ing in themselves but also lead verse. There will be no change in the trend without govern-First, even though sex discrimment policies that encourage ination in pay is not yet a thing firms to enhance their man and of the past, employers have in full-time women a resource which is more skilled and prowoman-power rather than

* Wage differentials between men and women, Pierella Paci and Heather Joshi, Department for Education and Employ-This ought to make firms keen to conserve their stock of female human capital by introducing family-friendly policies such as flexible hours, maternity leave ment research paper no. 71.

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# Sham conflict a reminder of rift

In hype at least it may not quite 5-2 favourite for the race with match Tyson-Bruno, but the scheduled confrontation between two of racing's heavyweights at Newmarket on 5 contenders make it to post, the May promises to be just as intriguing and, you hope, rather less one-sided.

In the marcon corner, Sheikh Mohammed, owner of the antepost 1,000 Guineas secondfavourite. Blue Duster. Facing him, in the true blue corner, Henry Cecil, whose long and successful association with the world's leading owner came to an abrupt halt last autumn. The Sheikh, you will recall, decided that Mrs Cecil's role in the operation had risen beyond the accepted level of paddock accessory, and dispatched a fleet of horseboxes to Warren Place

without further ado. If the latest betting is to be believed, Cecil's Bosra Sham, the

DONCASTER

2.35: Bill Turner almost won this event last year with Johayro and sad-dles INDIAN SPARK this time, Al-

though this Indian Ridge colt is not the most mature in the race, he

comes from a stable that has been in good form over jumps and on the

3.05: NWAAMIS was regarded just as highly as Bahri by John Dunlop at the start of last season, but suffered from injuries after finishing

fered from injuries after finishing fifth in the 2,000 Guineas. He is not

weather tracks

Ladbrokes, has only Blue Duster as a significant danger in the fillies' Classic. If both the issue will be settled in about 90 seconds (and even Frank lasted longer than that), but the crowds on the Rowley Mile will certainly get value for money.

There will be those who will say that last year's disagreement between two of the sport's most important figures should now be laid to rest. The same people will also tell you to cut down on your fat intake, and in both cases they are probably right. The problem is that the 1996 Flat season offers little else to quicken the pulse, least of all the opening card at Doncaster this afternoon

There is no three-year-old of the magnitude of Celtic Swing this year - last season's wonder horse/flop is scheduled to delay

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sure to appreciate this fast surface, but then neither are many of his ri-

vals with the exception of First Is-

Greg Wood on a contest between rival camps that is worth savouring

his reappearance until the autumn - and no Lammtarra either - although his half-brother, Kammtarra, has just been added to the Derby entries.

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Gemini Mix (Wincanton 3.50) NB: Faustino (Wincanton 4.50)

Alhaarth was the uninspiring leader of last year's juveniles, and while no one would begradge Dick Hern another Classic winner, the colt's domination of the markets for both the 2,000

who will be least suited by the 3.40: The draw played a significant part in this race last year with most of the main players coming from the high numbers. KRYSTAL MAX and Princely Sound are both favoured by the draw and have shown improved form on artificial

land, who along with the progressive Wijara is likely to pose the great-est threat. Penny Drops is the one 4.10: CHINA CASTLE is another to have shown improved form over the winter and his fitness is assured.

surfaces in recent weeks.

ing to stimulate interest in either. other, the Derby, still merits Nor should it be forgotten that such special treatment. a bronzed consignment of horses from the Godolphin operation in Dubai should soon make its presence felt.

In a sport in which opinions are all-important, we need an apparent champion to either follow or oppose, and the best the early weeks of the season can offer is Cigar, the Breeders' Cup Classic winner, in the Dubai Cup next Wednesday. This new event, the world's richest, is a commendable attempt to bring together the planet's best thoroughbreds, although in Grand National week it cannot be anything more than a minor diversion.

The National was one of just

Terry Casey has rethought his

plans for the Cheltenham Gold

Cup runner-up, Rough Quest,

and may after all run him in the

Grand National on Saturday

week. Casey originally said he

would bypass the race in favour

of the Irish equivalent, and a de-

cision will be made at the week-

Rough Quest has been rein-

stated as 4-1 favourite by Lad-

two races recently listed for pro-tection from satellite televi-One or two outstanding sion, and in little more than two three-year-olds would coax the

National Quest on the cards

Guineas and Derby does noth-months we will discover if the The alarming decline in the

popularity and prestige of the Epsom Classic remains a problem without clear-cut causes or remedies. Last year's move to Saturday afternoon did not halt the decline in either betting turnover or attendance. and while the alternative attractions were significant 12 months ago, this year will see a clash between the Derby and the England football team's first match in Euro 96. The Classic has been brought forward to earlier in the afternoon to avoid direct connection, but even so we will get a good idea of where racing now stands in public.

brokes for the race, in which he

has been allocated just 9st 12lb.

test is almost certain to have

fewer than the maximum 40

system for big-race reserves, in-

year, is most unlikely to come

the latest horses to defect.

However, the £250,000 con-

Cecil: has 1,000 favourite punters from their armchairs. but do not bother looking for them at Doncaster this afternoon, or indeed at any meeting. before the Craven at Newmarket next month. When the serious action begins. Astor Place (Peter Chapple-Hyam) and He-licon (Godolphin), both 33-1 for the Derby, are two to watch for. The latter, owned by Sheikh Mohammed, was prepared last season by Henry Cecil, and on the mony factor alone must be worth a small interest for Epsom.

#### Life line for keen punters

The Sporting Life yesterday launched a computer software package that allows racing enrunners, which means that the thusiasts access to the newspaper's comprehensive database of ratings, statistics and form. The troduced for the first time this form will be updated daily via into operation. Miracle Man. the paper's new Internet site. Gold Cap and Gale Again are For further information telephone: (0171) 293.

# Berry rallies to Olympic cause

PATRICK TOOHER

Jack Berry has a great track record of producing the course equivalents of Linford Christie or Alan Wells. But unlike Mind Games, Paris House or his numerous other flying machines, the Cockerham trainer's latest sprinting star has yet to a see a jockey in silks let alone show a decent turn of foot on the track. The horse is Olympic Spirit,

a two-year-old filly that has already achieved celebrity status even before the stalls open on the new Flat season on turf. Showing a maturity beyond

her years, the filly has spent re-cent months making guest appearances around the country to raise funds for the British team competing in this summer's Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The response has been very encouraging. Branches of William Hill and Midland Bank. which is sponsoring the British Olympic Appeal, have sold over 200,000 tickets for a draw at Doncaster today which will have as its top prize a stake in the filly worth at least £10,000.

"After she made a personal appearance at the Midland Bank in Lancaster the branch ran out of tickets and had to or-

The draw, to be televised by Channel Four, is expected to raise more than £200,000 towards the £4m needed for transport, equipment and medical back-up for the Olympic team. The winner will own the filly for a season and have all fees

and stable visits paid. Raffle rules mean the maximum prize is capped at £25,000, which raises the prospect of what might happen if Olympic Spirit sprouts wings and lands a really valuable event. "The excess prize-money would probably go to the appeal fund." Hood believes, "but we don't

dream of winning the Cherry Hinton. Whether or not Olympic Spirit reaches such heights, Berry is confident that his stable jockey, John Carroll, will be steering the juvenile towards the winner's enclosure before long.

She's a very sharp fully by the same sire as Mind Games. She's

going well and I like her a lot." One thing is for sure. Having already paid a celebrity visit to Cheltenham - where she became the first two-yearold ever to enter the winner's enclosure - Olympic Spirit's highly unusual pre-season preparation means she should he used to the hustle and bustle of a racecourse.

RESULTS

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1.35 Premier Dance 2.05 Carlito Brigante 2.35 Indian Spark 3.05 Nwaamis

3.40 Krystal Max 4.10 China Castle 4.40 AERLEON JANE (nap)

COURS: GOOD.

STALLS: Straight course – stands side; Round course – inside; Round mile – outside DEAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best on round mile.

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ILEADING JOCKEYS: K.Darley — 31 winners, 211 cides, 14.7%, +520.53; Pat Eddery — 30 winners, 180 fides, 16.5%, 411.81; W. Carson — 28 winners, 120 rides, 13.6%, -556.87.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Silk Tail (2.06), Abrahisarum (1.36), Tarian Gem (1.36).

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Several of this 21-strong field come here fighting fit from the all-weather, including AL-MUNTARAM, who goes here in preference to the 2-05 race and is to De partnered by Geril Lewe's smart apprention. Redcar and Lingfield (Equitrack) and finished a close fifth on the latter surface to Ocean Park, (warner since) four weaks ago. Before that, the selection finished runner-up to King Of funes and to Kinkwin, both also on Equitrack. He should confirm Redcar superiority with Carteleuse, who is 55b better off for only half a length but hasn't raced since going off fenomes and finishing a tour-length fith of 17 to Our Mah Man at Pomefrazt in October. Chasthians Island, twice a course winner – once at this distance – looks a times with Matt Henry booked. Cline British's chingre was having his first race since September when unplaced to Rever Meen at Wolverhampton two weeks ago and will be sharper for the run. Vasignenier sists has a teacing apprention did in the Office and this Brigition mader winner must also go on the short list. He comes from Richard Henrich's stable, which usually gats off to a good start. Surrewest, who landed the 1993 Ebor when trained by Reg Alextust, heart's shown much shoce. Edua Heights, a consistent sort last term and the mount of Alan Doly, could go well even though he heart raced since October. Meeticlessanythin (fifth of 23 to Achilles Heel in this a year ago), Cuango, Premier Desire and Tertan Geris (a stablements of the selection) are others fit from the all-weather who could figure.

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Chapter's Choice 4 9 11 Me D Retilevel 25-1 (F) McChoice 27 ran 1995; Chapter's Choice 4 9 11 Me D Retilevel 25-1 (F) McChoice 1 Me ACARD A GUESS is an appropriate choice for the 28-numer lades' race, but the shryser-old landed the corresponding correst in 1994 and can again do the trick. Formerly trained by Lynda Ramsden, Hazard A Guess went in at Porumatic and Beverley in 1995 trained by Lynda Ramsden, Hazard A Guess went in at Porumatic and Beverley in 1995 and ran well when fifth of 17 bennd housh in the Royal Hong Kong Jookey Club Trophy at and ran well when fifth of 17 bennd housh in the Royal Porent is a good booking. Mis Ramsden first race from David Alecholis's yard and Amanda Penett is a good booking. Mis Ramsden is represented by Carlibo Brigantes with daughter Emma on board. The four-year-old, a war-ner over course and distance and at Newcastle last summer, wound up with a langth second behind Severateers Lucky at York (9) in October and there should be little between one behind Severateers Lucky at York (9) in October and there should be little between the lating. As in the opener, several of these have been competing on the all-weather tonal fielding. As in the opener, several of these have been competing on the all-weather until fielding. As in the opener, several of these have been competing on the all-weather and the pick of these might be Don't Drop Bornise, an Equivack story lest morned and and the pick of these might be Don't Drop Bornise, an Equivack story lest morned and placed in his three starts since on the same surface. Scalled goes well for the Marchioness blaced in his three starts since on the same surface. Scalled goes well for the Marchioness fast stations (AZARD) a GUESS for stationic HAZARD a GUESS.

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Franke Detron is a significant booking for the John Jenkins-trained M T Vessel, a Risk Me coil who is a Morch load and has been sheping well at home, but this can go to PREDRIK THE PIENCE. The youngster is sure to know has job, being trained by Jack Berry, successful in this with Great Chaddington (1987) and Mind Games (1994). Live Mind Games, Fredrik The Pierce is a son of Pulsaance. A 20,000 girs purchase, the selection is out of Hobbs, who was also trained by Berry and went in at Catterick first time up. Mick Charpon runs Manchea, a son of Shalford, while Indian Spark, an Indian Ridge coil from a good withner-rend went mate, can also file the

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NEWALNIS as fevoured by the race conditions and should take the beaung. Winner of his single start as a juvenile – the race for two and three-year-otts at Newmarket that his transport of Junion, specialises in – the Dayur colt ran a fine race first time up last term, going under a neck and a head behind Painter's Row and Morngoy in the Catern Stakes, Newarris followed with a five-length fifth behind Pennekamp in the 2,000 Guineas and was a sengin severath of nine to Spectrum in the linsh equivalent in May on his only other appearance. He rijured his pelvis in the summer and has a 305-day absence to overcome but Dumlop and professional birth for course. Plearing thomas has a time semina record including the 1993. He njuried his pelvis in the summer and has a 305-day absence to overcome but Duntop will produce him fit enough. Peasay Drops has a time wirning record, including the 1993 Cambridgeshire by six lengths, following up in a Group Timee in Italy. She took a Group Time in 1994 at Sandown and, last year, won three of her last four races – a Group Timee and a Listed exent at the San Sixo and a Listed at Cologne. Even so, Flish Island is the principal threat. Lightly raced at two, he landed this first two races in 1995, at Goodwood and over course and distance both in May and ran a blinder to finish third of 16 to Sengayev in the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot. He wound up with a short-head defeat by Celestal Key in Listed company at Newmarket, Cadeward Tiryst, narrow winner of the seven-furior Burbury Cup in July and twice number-up last season, must also be kept on the right side with Pat Eddery booked. Selection; NWAAMIS

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:	9	0051-40	JOHANRO (7) (D) (Frank Stock) W G M Turner S 11	ason (5) 2
	10	110354	LUTTLE NOGRENS (148) (D) (M E Hall) C Dwyer 8 8	itack (3) 3
,	11	330205-	U-NO-HAURRY (X46) (D) (D) Coppenhally R Hollanshead & 5F L	ynch (5) 9
	12		PRINCELY SOUND (26) (D) (G W Byrne) M Bell 8 B	
	13	600-011	CHEMCAST (54) (D) (B L Cassoy) D Nicholis 83	J Quien 11
	14	0036-	ED'S FOLLY (162) (Edde Daves) S Dow 83	Daily (5) 6
	15	63513-	SECRET VOUCHER (180) (D) (lan Gusse) 8 Micklehon 8 2 No	wtos (5) 5
	16	343220	AMY LISCH (146) (D) U P Hacking) Capt J Wilson 8.2	g Carter 9
	17	466026-	LADY CAROLINE LAMB (140) (D) (W H Ponsonby) M Cremon 7 10	Gorman ()
•	.18	56100-	OPENING CHORUS (171) (D) (P D Saul) Mrs M Reveley 7 10	harpock ?
•			= 18 decisent =	

the best of the draw nearest the stants' side, can make all. Also successful on Equatracts in January and fourth at Wolverhampion in between, he has not had much racing, so there is probably better still to come. Kryatal Max has won his lest four laces, all with boday's parter kimberley Hart in the saddle and the lest three on Equatract. The combination might provide most danger. Chemicast is on a hat-mick after wins on the Lingdled all veeting in lanuary. He delected Miles Bilgwig (All) better) and loop Express (3th better) a tength and a quanter and a short-head at Goodwood last August and con confirm that running. Opening Chomus finished unplaced in two nursanes after strilling form at Newcastle in August, but goes off a 7th lower mark than whan he lest ran at Pomefract in October. Passion For 12th, the mount of Pat Eddery, is another expected to run well. Selections PRINCELY SOURD

ſ	4.10	TRANSPENIME EXPRESS HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 1m 2f 60yds	C4
1	6334-15	DBS03 (S7) (D) (C E Britanti C Britain 9 7	
2 3	V)24-21	MCKSON HILL (139) (C) Demes D Watersonn) R Cherton 9 4	Pet Fridery 3
3	643311.	BOHAN GOLD [122] (George E K Teo) R Hannon 9 2	R Hardes
5		SAMBIL (USA) (188) (Handari Al Atalasum)   Dunlop 9 2	
6		WORLDWIDE BLSE (USA) (129) (T ) Davison) R Harris B 11	
7		EAGLE CHINON (21) (Centon W Lans July B Hanbury B 11	
B	505313-	DENDLINE TIME (152) (P D Sauli) Mrs M Rooley 8 10	K Decley
9		ROSE OF SEPERIA (USA) (154) (D) (Mis ) M Content M Bet 8.8	
20	5-1	DOCKLANDS LINKO (30) (Mrs. Usa Olley) B Michlath B 6	? Cochrane ?
11		EXACTLY (12) (Flank Thomson ) I, Eyes 8 6	
12	2 04-31	BURNT OFFERING (23) (D) (A.) Acrada C Britain 8.3	M. Heary (5)
		WELCOME BOYALE (161) (Mrs G A E Smark) M Tomphos 8 2	
		SEDBERIGH (USA) (176) IP D Sault Mrs M Reveloy & 1	
15	43052-2	SIX QLERKS (40) (Marquesa de Monatalis) J FosGerald 8 1	Coint 3
		DANCING CAYALIER (19) (The Three R'S) R Holinshead 8 1	
17		STRATEGIC PLOY (147) (Ms. H M Carr) Ms. J Ramades 8 0	
	114413	CHERA CASRE (19) (D) (BF) (I M David P Hastern 7 13	M RANG (5) I
10	9 000-	NORTHERN MOTTO (142) (Mrs Akson Res) Mrs J Remaden 7 10	м матреай 7
		lactorer MRI 6.1 Samler, 10.1 Chies Coutie, 11.1 Boso Df Stherie.	Managan Gali

BETTING: 7-2 Jackson Hill, 6-1 Samin, 20-1 Chine Castie, 11-1 Bose of Siberia, Roman Gold, 12-1 Worthholde Elsia, Bernt Offering, 14-1 Quality, Dending Cavalier, Dendine Tiesa, 18-1 others 1995: Inquision 3.9.7 Pot Ecdery 100-30 U Castien 1.8 ren
PORMI GEISIDE

JACKSON Hill. Is expected to be considerably better then a handicapper – he holds a Derby entry, atthough the Italian version seems a more Riely target. The mount of Pat Edday, he can prove 8 different class to these opponents. Rager Charlon's Proto cot, out of Castrawitch winner Crange Hill, did well after meeting trouble in running on his Leicaster debut to be such to Don Michelego. Jesison Hill confirmed the promise over seven harbigs here in November when readily beating Kenry Ring fewto, admittacity, did not get the best of runs) and will be much better suited by this sort of tro. The market should be reasonably strong, with Samina, half-brother to Derby winner Emesb, sure to be prominent in the beings, John Dunlop's Nutreyer coft ran five times at two, gaining his only success in a Red-car (*Ti) nursery. Like his libratious relative, he could improve significantly from two to three. Plenty of these come here in good form from all-restiner campaligns. Quality proved as smart performer in that sphere and won easily at Lingfield this morth, but he probably has enough weight. The same is probably one of Cave Brittan's Diego (the mount of Franke Detton), but subternate Burnat Offering, a winner at Lingfield this month and with Matt Henry tekning of Sio, is impressing, Romans Gold meets Quality 3th better than when beating him thrie lengths at Southwell in November (Six Clarities was lifth) but may not be as good on runf. China Castle is 10th lower than when that at Wokemampton on his last fun his in his saminar another who seems better on an artical surface.

4.	40	MELTON WOOD MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 1m		
_		BOOZEROO (Mrs. D. Hanson) M. Channon 9.0 R. Haghes 3		
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2 .	24	CATHERDRE'S CHOICE (76) (Cheques Record Club)   Bethel 9 ()		
3	04-	COURTING DAMBER (176) (Miss E.A. Gendolfol D Gandolfo 9 0		
4	0-	FLORENTINO (187) (Lady Hamson) B Hes 9 0 G Carter 7		
. 5		"PRIL THROTTLE Pamela, Listy Nelson of Stafforth M. Tomplens 9 0		
6	. 0	CFORGE ROY INSAN (28) Mis Domen M Sursburn) C Domer 9 C		
7	· *.	INSTRUBBI (USA) (153) (Harndan Al Mektourn) J Duntop 9 0W Corson 4		
: <b>6</b> :	. •	LUCKY ARCHER (NY J Greates) C Britain 9.0 Mr Hanry (5) 10		
		POLINESSO (Sheirin Micharimed) B Hills 9 0		
. 8				
10		SHOULD RECEIVE Y (Brean A Lavy) W Made 9 0		
11	0.0	TROLS TYRANT (15) Mes Meggert Machell Mrs A Switzers 90		
.12	.00-	VILLAGE IZNG (138) (H Ahamad) R Hannon 90		
13	. 2-	AERIEON MEE (208) (Paul H Locke) / Costier 89		
14	٠.5	CRYSTAL WOLFRECR (156) (V Greates) D Natrolls 8 9		
15	·· RNL	DURGEON PROCESS (180) (Classictions Partnership) M Charron 8.9 _Casely Months 11.		
16		POLISH LADY (140) David Hearts! W Barley B 9		
		- 16 declared -		
- 16 declared - BETTINE: 13-8 Aerison Jana, 13-4 Polineszo, 9-2 laskyabl, 7-1 Villagh King, 12-1 Fell Throttle, 14-1 Floredine, Lasky Archer, 16-1 Catherine's Choice, 20-1 others 1995: no corresponding men				

#### **PLUMPTON**

2.25 Script 2.55 Oh So Handy 3.25 Take A Flyer 4.00 Winspit (nb) 4.30 Miss Fern 5.00 Wiltoski GOING: Good to Firm.

■ Left-hand, undulating course with sharp bends Triely down-hill fence in back straight. Uptail run-in of 200yds. ■ Course is off A278 s of Haywards Heath, Plumpton milway sta-tion adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members £12; Tattersalls £8. tion adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members £12; Tail Course £4. CAR PARK: £4 (centre of course) & £1. SIS RACING

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Nathir (2.55) won at Lingfield on Sahinday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Shanakee (5,00) has been sent 175 miles by B Llewellyn from Bargood, Mid Glamorgan.

2.25 PEASE POTTAGE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 4f 

– 8 declared – BETTING: 7-4 Easy Breezy, 7-2 Just-Mana-Mou, 4-1 Script, 5-1 Nautical George, 6-1 Jojo, 14-1 Chieffain's Crown, 20-1 Silly Point, 25-1 others 2.55 CUCKFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,600 added 2m 5f

Allaimumt; 10st. True wegges: Le Cerstain 9s; 13tc, Rhomon Fun 9s; 13tc. BETTING: 13-4 Nathir, 7-2 Oh So Kandy, 4-1 Nirago Dancer, 5-1 Little Tom, 7-1 Black Church, 8-1 Ragion Road, 25-1 others

3.25 MARCH SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,450 added 2m 1f 

HYPERION

2.15 Headwind 2.45 Capenwray 3.15 Beaure-

paire 3.50 Gemini Mist 4.20 Still in Business 4.50

GUINE: GOOD.

Right-hund, galloping course. Run-in of 200yd.

Rouse is NE of fown on E-2081. Temple-combe station tm. ADMISSION: Members 112-50 (Jumor Members, 170: 22 years, 68-50); Therenalls Si; Course (and cars to course) \$4 (Underlief free into all enclosures). CAR PARK: Free.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEEN DATE SOME LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS; Carrigues Lad (4.20) has been sen 174 miles by Mrs J Read from Newmarket, Suffolk; Cavina (8.60) sent 174 miles by N Graham from Newmarket, Suffolk

2.15 BRITISH FIELD SPORTS SOCIETY MAID-EN HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m

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OB MISTERY ONLY (20) R Aire 5 11 2 _____ AT Thornton
D CAMBRANO'S LAD (Ls) R Aire 5 11 2 _____ AT P Hentey (5)
302 FRENCOIS MITTO (L6) M SELECTES 6 11 2 _____ AP Melbey
S2111-P FONTANEROUSE (86) G Balang 6 11 2 _____ AP Melbey
4 HEADWIND (65) J Grand 5 11 2 _____ P Hide
CM MILTERSOND 22 N GENES 5 11 2 _____ C Ubusellys
00 NIPPOWN EXPRESS (115) N CROSS 6 11 2 _____ D Leady
6 EMERIOSE LAD (AT 27) D. Kersens 6 11 2 _____ D Leady

66 PEROSE LAD (NZ) (22) D Notroson 6 11 2 _R John 050 SOLDER-8 (63) Arthury Fosse 6 11 2 _____R

65 PERROSE LAD (NZ) (22) D Netroson 6 11 2 ... R Johnson (3)
020 SOLDHER-8 (63) Artsony Fosce 6 11 2 ... R Farrant
06 STEER POWN (120) R Frost 5 11 2 ... J Frost
0200 STORM POWN (200) H Howe 6 11 2 ... W Moreton
P LITTLE SAL (20) R Amer 6 10 11 ... Mr J Jules
0 DAZZLER (134) M Campon - 10 8 ... J Railton
MODALIAN MSS L Boser 4 10 8 ... L Harvey
SECRET SPHROG (RP) P Height - 10 8 ... S Burrosody
0 STRIFFOLMO (14) A Berrow - 10 8 ... S Burrosody
0 CALGARY GRE, 10 15 P Restree - 10 3 ... A Tory
P WISSYMS (10) J Mules 4 10 3 ... S Curran (3)
- 15 declared ~

INNO 2-1 Hoodwind, 7-2 Pearrose Led. 9-2 Febulous Mitoto, 7-1 Fontalantes, 10-1 Secret Spring, 12 Millersford, Napolovin Chance, 14 others

2.45 PREMIER LIVESTOCK NOVICE CHASE

(CLASS D) £5,100 added 2m 5f 0-42119 TRYING AGAIN (9) D Cardo to 8 12 3 _____R Dom

OOS-F2U OUR WIZZER (13) IM-MEC 7 11.3 S. Correla
DE RIVER CALA CZ R HODGE 6 11.3 T Desconde
OOT-45 SEPTEME MEST (10) P Nordet 7 11.3 A P MoDay
OOT-45 SEPTEME MEST (10) P Nordet 7 11.3 A P MoDay
OOS-30-1 DAMAS (FR) 68 M Poe 5 11.1 Deringbatter
RP-23P LYRICAL SEAL (11) D Street Done 6 10.2 P Mollay
OF ROSE CARDEN (13) R Proced 7 10.12 B Fentant
3-187-0 STAR OF NAMAS (14) N Tonson 12.10.12 R Farmant
FPOR RAINCHECK (14) N Campon 5 10.8 J Railton

- 12 declared -BETTING: 11-8 Trying Agent, 7-2 Copentray, 4-1 Demais, 6-1 Septemblishmin, 12-1 River Caia, 25-1 Rigi Frezi, Wild Weather, 33-1 others

3.15 STEWART TORY MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) (AMATEURS) £6,000

Mr S Molente (7)
361411 REAL PROGRESS (252) P Hoods 8 11 7 July Richard White (7)
1FF063 DUMALLOW LODGE (S) C Serves 9 11 7 July Richard White (7)
21-312 BEAUREPAIRE (15) R Ainer 8 11 2 July C Stenner (3)
15-224 DESSER RUN (105) P Northols 8 10 12 July Air 3 Calledy (5)
315-159 PRILL OF FIRE (56) N Besty 9 10 7 July Air M Ampritage
4-57006 FARE RROTHER (15) G Secting 10 10 4 July R E Northe (7)
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3.50 STRUTT & PARKER MARES NOVICE HUR-DLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 6f

4114-4F SYNDERBOROUGH LAD (21) (CD) (BF) S Pag 10 12 0.

added 3m 1f 110yds

WINCANTON

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None

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550323	PRECIOUS WONDER (15) P Butter 7 10 10 T J Murphy (3
04F50P	FERENS HALL (24) M Roberts 9 10 3
POPP 0	WOODYARD (8) N Berry 7 10 3
	LADY POLY (17) / Pouton & 100 Leess Ling
	FATHER'S JOY (6) Mess C Care 6 10 0 Laurence
	BEN CONNAN (6) J Whyse 6 10 0
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Scap meights: Lady Poly St. 11th, Father's Joy Minerum weght: 10st True handkap weghts: Laby Poly 9st 11th, Father's Joy 9st 9th, Ben Connan 9st 3th. BETTING: 9-4 Precious Wooder, 7-2 Neverold, 6-1 Fame Park, 6-1 Clas-

4	.00	WEATHERBYS LEASING DIRECTOR' NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 2m
1	26-0002	COSE GATE (15) P Rothers 8 11 2
2	OPOP	NATIVE RAMBLER (64) G McCoun 6 11 2 G McCou
3	13305P	STAR OF DAVID (13) Mass A Embricos 8 11 2 Rys
4		TELLAPORICY Mass in George 7 11 2 G Hogan C
5	0115-03	WINISPIT (27) R Amer 6 11 2 R Kawanay
6		OMEDIOY (10) J Jenkins 6 10 11S Fox (
ì		SMART IN SABLE (78) P Height 9 10 11 M A Pitzgoral
-		- 7 declared -
BE	TING: 6-4	Waspit, 3-1 Smart in Sable, 5-1 Omicloy, 11-2 Cubb Gate
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4.30 HAILSHAM HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,600 added 3m 1f 110yds - 4 declared - SETTING: 10-11 Maps Ferm, 7-2 The Real Unyolog, 4-1 Trojan Call, 6-1 Golden Orgal

5.00 LEWES AMATEURS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,650 added 2m 4f

#### 0-044 ZEP YOUR LEP (19) Mrs P Townsley 6 11 3. Mins C Townsley (7) (EE (17) (CD) B Lievelan 9 10 12 Jahr J L Liev

9sr 4b. BETTING: 9-4 & Borntine, 3-1 Pyrainis Prince, 11-2 Zip Your Lip.6-1 Cap-tein Coe, 8-1 Sharrakee, 10-1 Williaski, 14-1 Mucedones, 18-1 others

Ot LADY NESS (21) Tuck 5.11.2 R Bellam PCQ MSS NORMAT (34) N Transco 6.11.2 R Person 130 MY 0.10 SMNA (70 A Frostr 7.11.2 C Uewelly) O-U PRIOR'S CORNER (97) R Hawler 5.11.2 B Uptor

TOLCARNE LADY K Benop 7 11 2 .....

4.20 MARYLAND FARMS NOVICE HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) £1,500 added 2m 5f

CHASE (CLASS H) £1_500 added 2th 51

1:23 STILL IN BUSINESS (14) (D) (Br) P Barber 5 12 6

Miss P Carling (S)

33H5-F BANK ON TARGET (20) John Bowen 8 12 0 _ Mr P Henley (S)
PP:36- BOLD MRP (327) Mass S Maugh 12 12 0 _ Mr M Rimant (S)
34- BRIGHT BLINGS (306) (S Sweding 12 12 0 _ Mr R Sweding (7)
10P1/2 CARRIGERN LAD (15) Mrs 1 Rean 9 12 0 _ Mr R Walkley (7)
#652- DREWITTS DANCER (308) Mrs A Hawlors 9 12 0

- Mr P O'Newth (7)
(943)3- FOUR RIVERS (304) Mrs 1 Reather 11 12 0 Mr R Lawford (7)
54300 GREAT BRICES (15) ID 1/2026 R 12 0 _ Mrs A Goschen (7)

- 15 (scientel -BETTING: 5-2 Still in Business, 7-2 Carrigeen Lad, 6-1 Four Rivers, 8-1 Bang On Target, 10-1 Drewiths Dencer, 12-1 Oaklands Word, 14-1 others

4.50 QUANTOCK HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m

04-312F BIG STRAND (22) (D) (BF) M Pipe 7-12 0 ......... D Bridgeate

OC JALRAY JUNE (92) B Eckey 5 11 2 ______R Johnson (S)

# 3.30; 1. HOLY WANDERER (G Hogan) 8-1; 2. Daily Sport Girl 14-1; 3. Nagara Sound 7-1. 13 ran. 4-1 to: Coun Joker (4th), 4, 4. Totes (8.60; £2.60; £4.60; £3.10, DF: £68.80, CSF; 106.67. Incast £761.64. Inc. £235.40. 4.00: 1, BELAFONTE £7 R. Navaraghi 14:1. Rupples 7:1: 3. Olimer Ducket 66:1. 8 ran, 15:8 fav Bone Sener, 19:4, 8. Mes M. Beorge; 10er £11.10; £20.£12.0.£3.0. DF: £36.20. CSF_£80.85. Treast £5.324.03. 4.30; 1. HICKELTON LAD MASS \$ Haggers 20: 1. HICKELTON LAD MASS \$ Haggers 20: 1: 2. Tuffrust George 9-1; 3. Kenhalda Rambler 13-2: 17 ran. 7-2 to Pastoral Profe. 9: 4. Totas 18-50; £1.50; £3.30; £3.00; Ø: £61.80; £50; £1.98; £1. Tros £809; 40. 5.00; 1. MEJTAZZ @ Farranty 4-1; 2. Kignowskip 5-4 for 2. Medicanskip 5-1; 17 ros.

panour 5-4 Lot. 3. Indonesian 25-1. 17 ran. 3. 11. W Hem), Tota: 54.30: £1.10, £1.80, £5.80. DF: £2.90. CSP: £9.17, Tro: £47.90. Place por £573.10, Quadport: £713.20 Place 6: £655.82. Place 5: £401.79. TOWCESTER

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2.20: 1. ZAMIRAH MA' D Drinkwateri 2-1;
2. Forcing Two 8-1; 3. Rossio 33-1; 10 ran,
7-4 tay Bold Pursan (4th), stri-rd, 21; (N Tweston-Devies), Totae (2.50; £1.40; £0.80; £5.50; DF:
£24.50; £59: £17.82; Tro: £89,00;
2.50: 1, MY WIZARD /P bade: 3-1; 2. Article Wings 9-4 fav; 3. Another Venture 5-1; 5
ran, %, 3; () Giftodi, Totae £3.80; £1.50; £1.50;
DF: £3.50; CSF: £9.81; NP: Sczling Affair,
3.20: 1, SELATAN (1) Ford; 7: 2 for 2. Scare DF: Ed. SO, CSF: £9 81. NP: Sezting Affair.
3.20: 1. SELATAN (D Fott), 7-2 tor. 2. Sear-ba 9-2: 3. Don dar Cadran 11-2. 14 ran. 17-, 27-, 40 Gardolfo, Tote: £3.70; £1.20, £2.80, £1.50, 0F: £7.70, £5F: £20.52. Tricast: £4.27. Trics £16.40, 3.50: 1. MAKES ME GOOSEY (I. Harvey) 7-2; 2. Shamaraphil 14-1; 3. Nickton 11-2-7 ran.

3.50: 1. MARES ME GOUSET IL HANGE . 2. Sharmerphil 14-1; 3. Micking 11-2. 7 ran. 5-2 km Lance Armstrong (6th). Int. 1-4. (Mrs. I McNel. Tote: 14-70; 20:50, 218-20, DF: 590, 70. CSF: 142-56, 4-20: 1. CALI HONE (Mr. I Hots. 11-4; 2. Technique 2.7 km; 2. Micken, Chr. 16.1, 5. 4.20: 1. CALL HOME (Mr 7 Hats) 11-4; 2. Feeplanter 2-7 fav; 3. Wiscan Star 16-1. 5 ran. -/-. ost. Miss 5 Edwards. Their 13-6: 65-10, 61.00. DF: 61.90. CSF: £4.00. 4.50: 1. NILECTABUCK & Thomson 3-1 h ten: 2. Foutnot Romeo 8-1; 3. Simple Simon 6-1: 16 ran. -3-1 h ten Tulymury Toff (61n. 7. 1-9. df. Badey). Totes £3.50; £1.50. £3.10. £1.70. DF: £17.10. CSF: £29.88 £23.20; NRs: Ask Me Knody & Ruthrade. 5.20: 1. SALVERDALE FOX MA A Rizgeraldi 9-1; 2. Colorial Amshiben 8-1; 2. Phitth 8-1. 15 ran. -3-1 fav Children's Choice. 1-4: 22-, il Hoogy, Totes £12.00; £4.50. £1.90. £1.90. DF: £28.70. CSF: £79.88. Tocast: £571.75. NR: kar's Bd. Placepott £55.00. Quadpott £16.20.

rac lan's 8d. Piacepot: £55.00. Quadpot: £16.20. Piace 6: £40.22. Piace 5: £12.45.





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RACING 0891	261	1	
DONCASTER	971	981	
WINCANTON	. 075	982	
PLUMPTON	973	983	
0891	261.9		

LEVY BOARD STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT 623 LORD MILLS (19) N Charge 5 11 6 . . . . . . . . R Joi SEERA NEVADA P Notale 5 11 6 ...... M Griffias (7)
3 WARNER FOR PLAYERS (25) P Houts 5 11 6 ..... A P McCoy WILESTONE N Ayare 4 10 12. L. Wyer
WALTER'S DESTRAY C Matrice 4 10 12. Sophie Mitchell (S)
WENTWORTH (USA) 6 Thomas 4 10 12. Care Thomas (7) ARCTIC VENTURE R Scroson 4 10 7 ....... K Dempeny (7) - 18 declared BETTING: 4-1 Dr's Last, 9-2 Aerion, 6-1 Dashaed, 7-1 Lord Hills, Warner For Players, 8-1 Wolsh Loot, 15-1 Frank Nayler, 20-1 others

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ACCESS TO THE

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL: Venables prepares for Euro 96 with three new faces as Clark reflects on Uefa Cup frailties

# Late arrival of Fowler echoes '66

**GLENN MOORE** Football Correspondent

The door is still ajar, but only just. After trying 58 players in two years. Terry Venables appears to have settled on his final 30. Now begins the process of whittling this group down to 22 for the summer's European Championship.

The first step is on Wednesday, when England play their 15th match under Venables. against Bulgaria at Wembley. The squad for that match, which was named at the Waldorf Hotel yesterday, includes three newcomers to the Venables regime - Robbie Fowler, Phil-Neville and Mark Wright.

They are among the most interesting selections he has made. Fowler will attract most attention, as goalscorers do-Aiready he has been compared to Jimmy Greaves, because of their similar predatory instincts. and Roger Hunt, the noted

Yesterday, however, Geoff Hurst was being recalled, not for any stylistic resemblance but because Hurst, the hero of the 1966 World Cup final, did not make his international debut until February of that year. Can Fowler make an equally late, but devastating, impact?

Venables will hope so, those who watch him regularly will believe so. In three seasons he has scored 79 goals for Liverpool, many of them finished with great quality. Venables himself has compared him to Greaves but Alan Mullery, a contemporary of Greaves and regular observer of the Premiership, teels that Fowler lacks Greaves' all-round game at the same age. At present he would compare him to Gary Lineker - still an impressive comparison.

Fowler, 20, first joined the England squad at the beginning of last season when he. Jamie Redknapp. Nick Barmby and Sol Campbell were invited to some call-offs. Those that do train with the senior team for experience. The others have already been in the senior squad by right and, had it not been for

Bolton failed to sustain their im-

proved form in a match that

could have lifted them from the

foot of the Premiership table last

night. Unfortunate to be behind

at half-time. Bolton scaled their

fate by conceding two Identikit

goals early in the second half

Even a brave finish, which

brought them two late goals.

could not renair the damage

they had done to their good.

**Bolton Wanderers** 

Tottenham Hotspur

it took a while. The 32-year-old was a leading figure in England's path to the World Cup semi-finals in 1990 but fell from grace two years later when, on the eve of the European Championship, he suddenly disclosed an ankle injury.

Graham Taylor never forgave him and he won one more cap, in September 1992, before being dropped. He then lost favour with Evans who took exception to his and Julian Dicks' attitude during pre-season training in 1994 and dropped them both. Dicks soon left but Wright won his place back and is now keeping Neil Ruddock out of the Liverpool team. His ability to step out of the back four is admired by Venables and his experience compensates for the loss of Tony Adams and Gary Pallister with injury.

The other new face, Phil Neville, joins his elder brother Gary as the first siblings in the national squad since Jack and Bobby Charlton - another echo of `66. Phil Neville, at 19, has already kept his 21-year-old brother out of the Manchester United side. Although he has played just 28 first team matches. Venables clearly regards him as a better prospect than Alan Wright or John Beresford.

Similarly Ugo Ehiogu, previously called up, but not capped, as a replacement 16 months ago, has been preferred to John Scales, Colin Cooper, Campbell and Ruddock. That quartet, the rejected left-backs. Stan Collymore, David Batty, Warren Barton, John Barnes and Paul Merson, will now find it very hard to win a place in the summer squad. All have been tried by Venables, who has capped 40 players. No one could accuse him of not casting the net wide.

With a full weekend programme, including both a cup final for Aston Villa and a crucial League match between Manchester United and Tottmake the Wembley turf will be thoroughly tested: Bulgaria, re-member, were World Cup semi-

incident with the Under-21s.
Fowler would have too. Under Roy Evans thoughtful care he has since matured, as a player and a person.

Wright is another to benefit from Evans' guidance, though

in their previous four matches

bringing them a glimmer of

hope of avoiding relegation, showed the benefit of their new

confidence from the start, with

Sol Campbell forced to work

hard to keep tabs on the Bolton

Although clear-cut oppor-

tunities were hard to come by,

Bolton felt that they should have

had a penalty when Scott Green

went down when he was tackled

and before Aidan Davison.

playing his first game of the sea-

son, had had a save to make.

Bolton were a goal down. David

After 16 minutes, however,

by Clive Wilson.

danger man, Sasa Curcic.



Phil (left) and Gary Neville, hoping to become the first brothers to play for England since the Charltons

Gary already has five caps af-

ter making his debut against

# Always room for another Neville

It was on a bright Saturday morning at Manchester United's training ground that Phil Neville emerged from the deep pool of talent around him. With a wonderfully timed tackle and surge upfield he made a goal for Manchester United's A team.

A hundred people mentally or audibly asked, "Who's that?" and a man in a United tracksuit told them. "Gary's brother," he added to reinforce the identification, "and you know what, he could be even better." As Neville elder had made it to the fringes of the first team, it was a bold statement.

But Phil. who was called up to the England squad yesterday and may play alongside big brother against Bulgaria next week, has been encouraging Neville worship almost from the start. If an international can be spotted amid the pitfalls of apprentice football it was him.

land squad, and if Phil. 19, and Gary, 21, play they will be the 20th brothers to appear together for England and the first since the most famous of them all, the World Cup-winning Charltons. Bobby and Jack came from

Spurs extinguish Bolton's flickering fire

ing on to meet a return ball from

Ruel Fox and giving the stand-

With Curcic followed every-

where, even when Tottenham

were in possession, most of

Bolton's best work came from

Scott Sellars, notably a lovely

pass wasted by Nathan Blake

and a shot bent around the post.

utes before half-time, just fail-

ing with the finishing touch to

Gudni Bergsson's flick-on from

a corner. The good fortune

which had swung in Bolton's

favour during their recent revival

The feeling that it was not go-

had gone missing once more.

Blake went closer three min-

in goalkeeper no chance.

**Guy Hodgson** on the rise and rise of the younger of two brothers close to emulating Jackie and Bobby Charlton

a footballing dynasty that in-cluded Jackie Milburn, but the Neville pedigree is scarcely less impressive. The father, Neville, is commercial manager at Bury football club, while their mother, who also works at Gigg Lane. was an athlete. Phil's twin sister. Tracey, is an England Under-21 netball player.

They were born to sport, you could say, although for a long time it appeared that Lancashire Cricket Club would get the benefit of Phil's talent rather than United Gary had been hooked on the club from the age of five, while the younger broth-

to a near certainty eight minutes into the second half when Fox

outstripped Bolton on the right.

vancing Davison, although

Howells seemed to suggest that

he had got a touch on it before

John McGinlay, brought on

at half-time for the ineffective

Blake, was not far off the tar-

get with a looping header soon

afterwards, but Bolton's new-

found optimism was fading fast.

were stamped on firmly when

Chris Armstrong repeated the

Fox treatment, finding Bolton

far too ponderous on their

Any last embers of hope

it had crossed the line.

His shot went past the ad-

DOBSON.

CURSHAM ...... Arthur (6, 1876-83), Harry (8, 1880-84)

HARGREAVES ..........Fred (3, 1880-82), Jack (2, 1881)

.Hubert (5, 1873-78), Frank (1, 1876)

Aif (4, 1882-84), Charlie (1,1886)

.. Arthur M (9, 1885-90), Percy M (13, 1885-90)

er's passion was for bat and ball until he was 14. Gary's going to Old Trafford, the football ground, clinched it for Phil. too, and he decided to follow.

To emulate, too, because, although Gary came to the club as a centre-back, he made it to the first team as a right-back, the same position Phil filled. At one time it appeared they would be fighting for the same position until the younger brother showed he could play on the left side.

And how. As soon as he made his debut, coming on as a sub-stitute against, of all teams, Manchester City, it was apparent that than any recommendation.

CHARLTON

strike the ball cleanly past Davi-

both goals against Coventry on

Saturday, repeated his party-

trick of finding the net from the edge of the area. With seven

minutes left, Sellars met Cur-

cic's cross with a stooping

header to fan new life into the

dream of a great escape. But Bolton had give away too much

BOROI Had give away too much earlier in the game.

Botton Wanderes (4-1.4-1): Dasson, Bergson, Coleman, Fandough, Philips: Subtes Green (de Freitzs, 77). Curce, Selars, Pastelanen (Thompson, h/U; Blake (McGirlay, h/U. Totteham Hotspar (4-4-2): Welker, Austin, Calderwood (Eschough, h/N. Meblout, Wison; Fox (Slade, 78), Howells, Dozzell, Campbell, Armstrong, Shengram. Substitute not used: Thorsteed (150).

Alan Stubbs, the scorer of

Japan last summer after only 17 games in the Premiership. Phil he was a remarkably composed player for his age. Unflappabilplayed his 17th League match against Arsenal last night despite the reluctance of his manager, ity tends to come with experience but Phil has it naturally, never Alex Ferguson, to expect too much from his young players.
Already Denis Irwin has been more so than in the first half against Newcastle this month when the United defence enswitched to right-back to ac-

dured a fearful battering. commodate the youngster and, Peter Beardsley and Faustiuntil Gary Pallister's injury alno Asprilla roamed to his flank lowed him back again, Gary was also being kept out of the team and although he was stretched by his prodigy of a brother. at times, he emerged with Steve Bruce as United's best defend-Competitive as only siblings can er. That, you imagine, probably did more to persuade the Engbe. Phil will have enjoyed that. "Both boys have admirable land coach, Terry Venables, of his readiness for higher things

.....Jack (3, 1931), Sep (1, 1935)

JOHN PERLMAN

Aiax Amsterdam

Borussia Dortmund

Despite squandering glorious

chances at the start of each half,

injury-weakened Ajax cased

their way past Borussia Dort-

mund last night with Kiki Musampa's 75th-minute goal

securing a victory set up by the European champions' 2-0 vic-

tory in Germany a fortnight ago.

come at Ajax from the whistle

but a high-quality opening 10 minutes by the home team kept

Jari Litmanen back from in-

iury, should have scored the goal

that would have settled this

quarter-final inside five minutes.

Set loose on the goalkeeper by

Ronald de Boer's excellent di-

agonal ball and Nordin Woot-

er's persistence in the area, the

Finn sent his shot soaring over

In the second half it was

Nwankwo Kanu who was prof-

ligate, heading at Stefan Klos

after Wooter had again carved

out an opening with his pace

and delicate cross from the

the bar.

the Germans on the bop.

Dorumund were expected to

... Bobby (106, 1958-70), Jack (35, 65-70)

temperaments, Ferguson said.
You like to take young players through slowly but the Neville boys have forced their way into the side and I had no hesitation promoting them despite their Robert (2, 1893-94, Arthur (1, 1894) youth and inexperience. Phil has ..Charle (3. 1890-93), Tom (1. 1898) Frank (9, 1898-1903), Fred (3, 1899) played magnificently recently WILSON .......Charles P (2, 1884, Geoffrey P (2, 1900). when, not if, he will play with CORBETT .....Bertie (1, 1901), Rex (1, 1903) Gary for England." OSBORNE ......Frank (4, 1927-26), Reg (1, 1927) STEPHENSON ....Clem (1, 1924), George (3, 1928-31)

Stylish Ajax make

untroubled progress

The "when" could be next week. For the next 10 years the initials G and P might become a regular fixture on the England team sheet.

er chance a few minutes later

when he blasted over the bar af-

Kanu made amends soon af-

ter Litmanen sent him through.

terwards by supplying the am-munition for Musampa to fire

decisively past the advancing

pa, played, it is questionable

whether this line-up, missing

Kluivert, Blind, Reiziger and George from the team that

took Dortmund apart in the first

leg has enough wit and thrust

to put away tougher opposition.

ideas. For all the midfield effort

of Carsten Wolters and Michael

Zore the shooting was mostly

from long range and wayward. Ajax missed Patrick Kluivert's

finishing and the solidity that Danny Blind and Michael

Reiziger give them, and Edgar

Davids was never able to make

Now safely in the semi-final Ajax will still be watching the

doctors reports in the coming

Alanc van der Ser, Stooy, F De Boer , Bog-arde; Davids; Scholten, Litmanen (Lanzaert, 87), Musampa; Wooter, Kenu, R De Boer.

his usual impact in attack...

weeks with great anxiety.

Dortmund were short on

Well though Ajax's inexperienced youngsters, like Musam-

#### The flaws in Forest highlight divide

Glenn Moore finds little to encourage English clubs after a torrid campaign

It was hard to be positive in the wake of Nottingham Forest's 5-1 drubbing by Bayern Munich on Tuesday night, which equalled the worst home defeat by a British club in Europe.

True, Forest did dominate the opening half-hour and, as Frank Clark, their manager, said, had they scored then the end result may have been different. In addition, as Clark added, the defeat should not detract from a spirited and brave European campaign. "I'm still proud of my players and, when they reflect in the morning, so will they be," Clark said.

Yet they will also reflect that the gulf between English and European football continues to stretch into an abyss. It is not as if Bayern are that good; they have some great players notably Jürgen Klinsmann but in Germany they still trail a Borussia Dortmund side which has been well beaten at home by both Ajax and Juvenms in the Champions' League.

Yesterday Savo Milosevic, explaining away his lack of goals for Aston Villa this season, said: "The English league is the best in the world, so 12 goals is not too had." If he re-ally believes that one fears for him if he went to Italy. In 32 matches in Europe English clubs scored 27 goals. Alan Shearer and Robbie Fowler, so deadly at home, managed one goal in 10 matches. So it is bord enough for the top strikers; what chance Forest; with their motley collection of forwards. Even their best striker, and the outstanding player while the Bay-

Curiously the only previous 5-1 home defeat was also inflicted on Nottingham Forest when they were beaten 5-1 by Valencia in 1961.

em tie was "alive", is Dutch.

At that time English clubs had yet to land a European tro-phy. They went on to lift 24 trophies, more than any other country (Italy, with 22, is second), but only two of those have come in the five full seasons since the Heysel ban was lifted (Italy has six). More tellingly, post-Heysel, in the Champions' Cup, which tests the best, or the Uefa Cup, which reflects

strength in depth. At least Forest went out to a good side, Blackburn Rovers, Everton, Liverpool and Manchester United each lost to clubs on the second tier of European football. The excep-

Tuesday, by Barcelona, but the biggest surprise was Bordeaux's win over Milan. Apart from raising the profile of the Intertoto Cup, from which Bordeaux qualified, it asked questions about Italian football.

The inquests there will be extensive. For the first time in eight seasons there will not be an Italian club in the Uefa Cun final Crisis for strike-bound Calcio? Not yet: they are still represented in Europe.

#### Bolton, with three away wins Howells ran from deep, carryflank and ripping them apart to ing to be their night hardened Degryse heightens Southampton's relegation fears

Southampton Sheffield Wednesday

Having threatened to flirt with son, Sheffield Wednesday made could have hoped by winning at

Quarter-finals second leg

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Fowler 83: Liverpool play Nortingham Forest at Old Trai-ford, Sunday 31 March, April

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attacking, that Southampton's fears of the drop increased.

post from a sharp angle.

timely improvement. Blinker was indeed immedithe Yorkshire club's formation.

essary cutting edge. Gordon Watfrom long range, as did Barry Venison from a free-kick, which

Southempton (4-4-2): Beasant: Dodd, Hall (Robinson, h-d, Monkou, Charitor, Le Tissier, Magitton, Venison, Widdington; Watson, Shipperky (Warren, 83). Substitute not used:

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Fifa, football's world governing body, yesterday ruled out any possibility of Japan and South Korea jointly hosting the World Cup in 2002.

João Havelange, the Fifa president, responding to a request from the president of the Asian Football Association that such a move be considered, said it was against Fifa rules.

"We know from experience that organising something like the World Cup, is very complex. even within one country," Andreas Herren, the Fifa spokesman, said.

"Taking it from there to two countries; setting up local organising committees in both countries, flying teams from one country to another and deciding who would hold opening and closing matches, wouldbe even more difficult andmake the cost incredibly high. Onedec struck in the 63rd Sultan Ahmad Shah of and 85th minutes to wipe out Malaysia, the AFA president,

wrote to Havelange proposing a joint 2002 World Cup because September last year.

#### **Padovano** puts Juventus in last four

Michele Padovano sent Juventus through to the semi-finals of the European Cup last night with a second-half goal that gave the Italians a 2-0 win on the night, and a 2-1 aggregate win over Real Madrid.

The Spanish champions had outclassed the Italians in the first leg in Madrid, despite a slender 1-1) win, but Juventus came good in their packed Delle Alpi stadium with a goal in each half to reach the last four for the sixth time in their history.

The Italian international Alessandro Del Piero opened the scoring in the 16th minute from a free-kick on the edge of the area and Padovano, replac-ing the suspended Fabrizio Ravanelli, provided the winner in the 55th minute.

Nicolas Ouedec scored two opportunist goals to give Nantes a 2-2 draw with Spartak Moscow in their European Cup quarterfinal second leg and see them through to the last four 4-2 on aggregate.

two outstanding first-half goals by the Spartak captain, Yuri Nikiforov, which had brought of the intense rivalry between the Russians firmly back into the two nations. South Korea contention after they had lost and Japan both sent in bids in the first leg 2-0 in France two weeks ago.

relegation for much of the seait likely that their spring will be much more pleasant than they The Dell last night.

They did so by scoring ex-

tremely early and ensuring thereafter, with composed defence and skilful counter-

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to become clear.

With only one win in 13 matches. Southampton have been plunged deep into trouble. Their situation's potential for getting worse took 65 seconds

Mare Degryse was allowed to wander unhindered into the heart of their defence, where he met a weil judged ball through by John Sheridan. Taking it to the right, he was still some distance away from being tackled when he beat Dave Beasant at his near

The move and its completion were indicative of a recently revitalised Wednesday. The arrival of the Dutchman Regi Blinker for an undisclosed fee, which suggests it might have been for a song, has coincided with a

ately prominent down the left, and his raking cross eluded Guy Whittingham only by inches to deny Wednesday the opportunity to increase their lead. With Degryse roaming about the midfield. Southampton struggled to come to terms with

While Matthew Le Tissier had a similar free role – and upon his form Southampton's survival chances may still depend - he was not nearly so effective after some neat early passes. While Tommy Widdrington

might have been more precise with a heading chance, a flowing move by Wednesday which involved six passes and culminated in a low, reflex safe by Beasant to keep out Blinker's header was altogether more characteristic of proceedings. There was more purpose to

continued to slip away from them, but they lacked the necson blasted over with a futile shot denied Le Tissier an opportunity to do what he does best.

Sheffield Wednesday (4-5-1): Woods; Nicol, Newsome, Walker, Briscoe; Whittingham, Shendan, Degryse, Pembridge, Banker II-lyde, II-U; Hirst (hoviscewc, 83). Substitute not treach Water.

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# No American in Las Vegas considered Bruno and Tyson patriots. They all saw one guy wanting to beat the hell out of the other

A national embarrassment in Las Vegas last week was not the inept performance Frank Bruno gave when losing the World Boxing Council heavyweight championship to Mike Tyson but abuse of the American national anthem by a large contingent of his

Bruno's defeat, the predictable outcome of serious limitations in technique and mobility, was of far less consequence in conversations with United States citizens than their understandable assumption that British fans are generally a blight on the sporting experience

"From the sound of things, your soccer stadiums should be safe this weekend," a Boston-based columnist: George Kimble, said.

This was in reference to crass the popular print that had Bruno unchants - "Tyson is a rapist" led to der contract. the closure of bars in the vast MGM entertainment complex - and whistling to drown out a traditional rendition of the US anthem. "What causes your people to act so stupidly, to be so ill-mannered?" another

American writer asked. What else can you expect when arrogance born of colonialism becomes manifest in the xenophobic sloganising of our mass circulation newspapers, the sort of flag-waving rhetoric raised by Bruno's ill-fated

adventure in the Nevada desert. No wonder that American sportswriters of long experience, none of whom saw Tyson as a representative of their flag, were incredulous when shown the "Tank a Yank" urgings of

It has not been forgotten in the United States that one of the great modern champions, Marvin Hagler, once came under a bombardment of missiles at Wembley after taking the undisputed middleweight title brutally from Alan Minter.

In the safety of his dressingroom, Hagler joined his handlers in singing "God Bless America" and vowed that he would never return to fight here.

More recently, after the US anthem was jeered before an international match at Wembley, the England football coach, Terry Venables, implored supporters to show greater respect for the opposition. Good manners came into



this but Venables might also have emphasised that insult fires up the

In the belief that an upsurge of patriotism would be beneficial, the boxing promoter Frank Warren issued Union flags to the audience and

recruited a Guards band when Bruno challenged Oliver McCall last September for the WBC championship, Bruno entered the ring to the strains of Pomp and Circumstance, popularly "Land of Hope and Glory", a marvellous melody but with a bric-one that speaks of stealing land ("wider still and wider") -Elgar thought appalling.

Inevitably, you may think, the US anthem, played on McCall's behalf, was booed again as Bulgaria's probably will be next when they play England at Wembley. A view expressed here before is that the policy of playing anthems before sports should be abandoned. This would put paid to the moving sound of my own being sung by a Welsh crowd at Cardiff Arms Park, but no matter.

radio programme about the history of anthems, their origins and development.

An interesting thing to discover was that Deutchsland Uber Alies, one anthem of obvious connotations, was first composed by Haydn for the Emperor of Austria and later filched by the Germans.

The lyric did not declare what it came fearfully to represent under the Nazis. The idea was to implant the understanding of separate German states as one nation. Incidentally, the words have not been sung publicly since the Second World War.

You may find all this of little consequence but, personally thinking. anthems cause more trouble than of the other.

Not so long ago I took part in a they are worth. A couple of years ago, the former England cricket captain Graham Gooch suggested that might be an advantage if the British anthem was played before

Test matches in this country. I do not understand fully what he thought this would achieve. Did he imagine this would bring about improvements in batting, bowling and

On the basis of England's performance in the World Cup and their form generally, perhaps it is the only resort left to them.

Going back to where we came in on this, no American I came across in Las Vegas considered Bruno and Tyson to be patriots. They all saw one guy waiting to beat the hell out

# Cobner puts the accent on style

ROBERT COLE

Wales may have won their Five Nations battle against the French last weekend, but the war on the home front remains to be won before the side can

really start to make progress. The Welsh Rugby Union's schools system. director of rugby, Terry Cobner, deemed Saturday's 16-15 win

Cardiff Institute

Loughborough University

A dark, dank day at Twickenham

ensured a universities' final that

was nothing like last season's

epic involving West London

match proved that thrilling

duced dozens of Welsh

internationals, headed most

illustriously by Gareth Edwards

won at only their second attempt

yesterday than had seen England

winning the Five Nations here

To become champions was a

holy grail of the student game

is to beat Loughborough, who

have won this title 25 times in

the past 44 seasons, and Cardiff

did so with a combination of im-

placable defence and a phe-

nomenal performance by their

forwards in broken play.

of achievement was no less.

Twin achievement

by Cardiff students

rugby does not need tries as an kicking No 8 James Savastano imperative this was it. kicking No 8 James Savastano imperative this was it.

tional academy that has pro- four minutes into first-half stop-

and most recently by Jonathan ond-half let-off when Cardiff's

And though there were 74,300 Savastano take a simple kick at

Humphreys and Justin Thomas, mainly inspirational captain

fewer spectators watching them goal, and would surely have

last Saturday, the victors' sense not caused George Gadjovich to

triumph in itself, but the other borough attacking - remained.

Cardiff Institute, an educa- lead they retained until nearly

over the title-chasing French to be "a step up on to the bottom ultimate aim is to reach the

rung of the ladder". His plan to build on the feelgood factor created by Wales' first Five Nations win in nine matches is to preach the gospel of the new style adopted by the team to the coaches of the leading clubs and to those in the

"In terms of progress we

In such dismal conditions, this

was critical. Loughborough

were overwhelmingly superior

as initial ball-winners, their

backs - especially the former

England reserve Alan Buzza -

- were circumscribed and their

forwards outpaced and out-

have won. Two penalties from

two attempts by the goal-

page time, when Buzza landed his second and last attempt.

Loughborough had one sec-

Jonathan Evans declined to let

squared the match if David

Nunn's untimely footwork had

reverse a penalty kick when 13

minutes - of unbroken Lough-

Even so, they should really

World Cup final in three years' time, Cobner said. "We have discovered a style that suits us. Now we have to make that style instinctive at all levels, to introduce it to schools and clubs. "The big danger on the club scene is that I will fail to influ-

ence the coaches because they are concerned about winning two league points. What I have to convince them of is that they can still do that by playing "I know how difficult it will be because you wouldn't have con-

vinced me at Pontypool 15 years ago. The more progressive ones are already coming on board and they know we have to increase the tempo, commitment and skill at all levels of our game. 'Now that we are in a pro-

fessional era we have to appreciate that if we want to survive we have to entertain. Referees must be aware of what we are trying to do and be sympathetic. Wales ended one place off the

bottom of the championship table thanks to their win over France, yet scored twice as many tries, six, as the eventual champions, England.
The national coach, Kevin

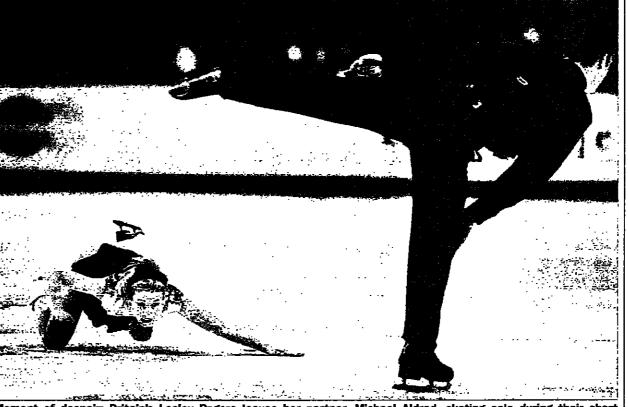
Bowring, will have five weeks to work with his players during their Australian tour in the summer, and eight tough matches in which to test at further development. When we set out on the Five Nations campaign we wanted to

build a team our supporters could be be proud of, a team playing with pride and passion and appreciated by the Welsh people," Bowring said. We tried to redevelop a

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(D Mann, 44), A Nelly 14 Poole, 10-12, G Webser,
R White, J Powel, R Written, C Daws (capt). style of play that was uniquely Welsh, to revert back to a game emphasising speed, speed of hand, speed of thought, playing with guile and cunning. To score tries playing a game that re-flected our culture in Wales."



Moment of despair: Britain's Lesley Rogers leaves her partner, Michael Aldred, skating solo during their short programme in the pairs at the World Championships in Edmonton, Canada, yesterday

Photograph: Reuter

#### **Federation** bans British lifter for life

Weightlifting

Peter May, the Briton who tested positive for performanceber's World Championships in China, has been banned for life. the International Weightlifting Federation confirmed in Budapest yesterday. Germany's Stephanie Utsch

was also banned, but the IWF said it could only confirm the suspensions of May and Utsch because it was still waiting for results of the B sample analysis in other cases.

Last week, the IWF confirmed that the world champion, Alexei Petrov of Russia, had tested positive for steroids and faced a life ban if the result was confirmed by the B sample.

#### Palmer set to go the distance per event, the winner and run-

GUY HODGSON

At a time when British swimming is more aware than normal that an accident or illness could blow plans for the was timely if a little foreboding. consideration by the selectors. means Palmer, who missed Two 10.000lb girders collapsed into the pool that will be used for the Games in Atlanta vesterday, halting work on the

venué. No one was hurt as the 176ftlong lumps of steel crashed to the ground, but it served as a shuddering reminder of the fickleness of fate. The four days of the Olympic trials starting this morning at Pond's Forge in Sheffield might go, well, swimmingly; then again,

Having been restricted to a

ner-up at Sheffield will go to Atlanta this summer providing they make the qualifying time. There is no pre-selection and the only safety net to guard against an off day is that those who have already set the Olympics, news from Georgia Olympic standard will be given the trials begin today, which

> Today we could see the first example of three into two won't go, in the 1500 metres. Paul Palmer, a double European champion, is the nearest thing to a certainty to qualify for the 200 and 400m freestyle, but a medal might be easier to acquire in the longest event of them all in July, and the City of Lincoln 21-year-old has decided to try to earn selection in the 1500m.

This, unfortunately, has him pulling strokes against two other British potential medallists, Ian Wilson and Graeme Smith. Wilmaximum of two participants son was ranked second in the freestyle today.

sen to officiate during New Zealand's forthcoming tour to the West Indies. Den-

ness will make his debut as the In-ternational Choket Council's referee for the five one-day internationals and two Tests in Barbados and Antigua. Willey,

one of England's two new appointments to the ICC international panel, and makes his debut as the overseas umpire for the first Test in Barbados on 19 April.

Cveling

world in the international rankings last year, while Smith was only eight-tenths of a second from winning the gold at the European Championships in Vienna last August. The heats of what should be

the most competitive races of most of 1994 through illness and injury, will also expect to race in the heats and final of the 200m freestyle. The final of the 1500m is to-

morrow, by which time the form should be known of Nick Gillingham, who competes in the 100m today with his stronger event, the 200m, on Saturday. In the women's events, most

attention will fall on Karen Pickering, who took four bronze medals back to Ipswich from the European Championships last year. She competes in the 100m

WORLD FIGURE SKATTING CHAMPIONSHIPS (Edmonton, Alberta): Pairs short programme: 1 M Wottel and 1 Steuer (Ger) 0.5tts; 2 M Elberton and 8 Steuer (Ger) 0.5tts; 2 M Elberton (Rus) 1.0; 3 E Shrishone and V Naumov (Rus) 1.0; 4 D Anzakova and A Drintne (Rus) 1.0; 5 I Meno and T Sand (US) 2.5; 6 K Sargeant and K Wirz (Can: 3.0, Selected: 18 L Sargeant and K Wirz (Can: 3.0, Selected: 18 L Soges: and M Altera (GR) 6.0, to demonst Landing positions after two compulsory demons: 1 O Grand and E Palone: (Rus) 0.4tts; 2 A I Kell and Can and O Described (Rus) 0.8; 3 S-1 Bourne and V Knatz (Car) 1.2; 4 M Ansand and G Peazert (Fr) 1.6; 5 R Romanova and 1 Yero-Verolo (Nur) 2.0; 6 I Loberthera and I Arectudo (Rus) 2.4, Selected: 15 M Humphrey and P Asser (GB) 6 0.

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sto: £52.40. Lucky numbers: 20 £6 36 33 30
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BRITISH UNIVERSITIES' SPORTS ASSOCIA-TION FINALS: Loughbruigh 3 Cardiff Incatate 6. Women: Loughbrough 32 Bernaugham 5.

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# **Emburey** may have

to retire from first-class cricket, despite being cleared to resume his long playing career by Lord's yesterday.

manager, who left Middlesex during the winter to become Northamptonshire's coach, has been told he can only play on as a list one registration.

Test cap last summer, has been

his new county must now decide whether his on-field qualities, and his age, justify them using up one of only two precious list one registrations that are allowed in any five-year period. Steve Coverdale, Northamp-

and review how it leaves us."

In particular, he felt there would be times when his onfield presence could be more

Still fit after 24 years in county cricket, Emburey reckons he might do a job for Northants for several more seasons, but today's ruling means he will have to commit himself to virtually full-time cricket if he decides to play on.

The Test and County Cricket Board's registration committee, said they would "consider the matter again as and when Emburey decided to retire from first-class cricket and

ment is the only option available to Emburey if, in the near future, he wants to free himself of list one status in order to be available on a part-time basis.

#### **Guildford are** champions on women's day

**Rugby Union** 

A conversion two minutes from time by Stewart Peel gave Royal Grammar School Guildford the junior title at the National Schools Sevens tournament at Rosslyn Park yesterday, writes In the 12th and final year for

their master in charge, Mark Bishop, Dan Ford scored Guildford's first try and a touchdown by Sinan Ozbek set up Peel for the winner in a 12-10 victory over RGS High Wycombe. Earlier the boys from Bed-

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ford Modern and Judd School were involved in a piece of history when three women officiated in a rugby match for the first time. Policewoman Sarah Mallalieu was in charge, while her touch judges were Clare Saville and Siobhan Matthews.

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES Football

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JEWSON EASTERN LEAGUE Premier Divistore Hadleigh v Diss (7.45).

PONTANS LEAGUE First Devision: Stoke v
Leeds (7.0); West Brommen's Normalism Forest (7.0). Second Division: Aston Vida v Mannersbury.

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AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION Second Division: Torquey's Chetenham (7.45).

Other sports BOWLS: Snowh Women's Championships (Lanelli). SHOOKER: Embassy World Championship qualifying Lournament (Telland International Centre).

WARMING: Brosh Champic trais (Sheffield). BLE TENNIS: ELTOPERT Men's League res-ton play of first leg England v Poland

# Backetball

Eight Buriweiser League players, in-cluding seven England Internationals, boycotted last night's All Star repre-sentative game in Leicester in protest at a decision to open the game to for-eign players from next season. NRA: Charlotts 102 Indians 94: New Jersey 82 Vancouser 77; Orlando 113 Demais 91: Hous-ton 102 Golden State 105 Gift, Change 83 Secu-mento 67: Delizer 72 Chevated 81; Portland 106 Minnesota 71; La Lakers 94 Seattle 71. Eastern Conference

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Group B: Adams GS 26 Newcastle-Underlyme 17: St Olave's 17 Verulam 5: Newcastle-Underlyme 15 br Chelloners GS 31; Adams GS 12 Verulam 17: Adams GS 19 br Chelloners GS 12: Newcastle-Underlyme v St Olave's wor. Dr Challoners GS 12: Verulam 7: Adams GS 5 St Olave's 34: Dr Chelloners GS 12: St Olave's 10; Newcastle-Underlyme v Verulam wb. Group Winners: St Olave's.

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Group C: Rydel 31 Coopers Co 10; Sham-brook 15 Gurnersbury 12; Coopers Co 7 King Edward VI, Nuneaton 12: Rydel 19 Gun-nersbury 27: Rydel 17 King Edward VI, Nuneaton 19: Coopers Co 22 Shambrook 7; King Edward VI, Nuneaton 7 Gurnersbury 37: Rydel 7 Shembrook 7; King Edward VI, Nuneaton 5 Shembrook 31; Coopers Co 12 Gurnersbury 19. Group Winners: Gurnersbury

Group E: Ampletorth 12 Hymers 14: Ethem 17 Oid Swinford Hospital 31; Hymers 17 Llandovery 10; Ampletorth 19 Oid Swinford Hospital 21; Ampletorth 0 Llandovery 38; Hymers 60 Ethem 0; Llandovery 35-Oid Swenford Hospital 7; Ampletorth 21 Etham 28;

ROSSLYN PARK SEVENS RESULTS

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ners: Mitfield.
Group H: St Bede's 24 Part 26; Warwick
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12 King's, Macclesfield 27; Part 24 War-wick 42; King's, Macclesfield 22 Emanuel
14; St Bede's 0 Warwick 59; King's, Mac-clesfield 22 Warwick 7; Part 24 Emanuel
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Group J: Solfluit 27 John Cleveland 12; Judd 19 Hampton 27; John Cleveland 40 Cast-leon 5; Solfluit 7 Hampton 38; Solfluit 10

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Notingham HS 17 Chislehurst & Sidoup 17;
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# SPORTING DIGEST

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Sussex have made a profit for the eighth successive year. Their pre-tax surplus for 1995 was £26,149 after they had received a record hand-out of £727,190 from the Test and County Cincket Board.

womesterstree have signed the left-arm spinner Amjad Mohammad on a one-year contract. Amjad played second-team cinclest for Somerset last season and previously took a hat-track in a Sec-ond XI match for Warwickshire.

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PREPARATORY TOURNAMENT Group winners: The Orstory 14 St. Autyn's 0; Bromegove 7 The Downs 10; Put Regs 0 Dragon
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FDKTURE CHANGES: FA Curiting Premier-ship: 3 April: Leeds v Soutrampton. 15 April: Arsenal v Tottenham. 1 May: Arsenal v Liver-pool: Leeds v Tottenham. TEMPORARY TRANSFER; New Moore (dev St Edmund's, Group Winners: Havethorn.

> Hockey INTER-SERVICES COMPETITION (Aldershot): Army 3 Royal Navy 0; Army U23 4 Royal Navy U23 0; Army veterans 0 Royal Navy votorans 2; Royal Navy women 0 RAF women 0.

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#### to retire Cricket John Emburey could be forced

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Emburey, who won his 64th

was offered a two-year contract by Middlesex. The veteran off-spinner and

onshire's chief executive, said: We will have to sit down with

Emburey said that he was 'disappointed' by the Lord's ruling, indicating he wanted to be free to play occasionally for Northants while concentrating fully on his new coaching duties.

beneficial to younger players.

his registration was cancelled".

That could mean that retire-

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The minutes that the footballer Mario Cabellero lasted before he was sent off for fighting after coming on as a substitute durng a South American Libertadores Cup tie against Ecuador's Espoli in Quito. Caballero's team, the Paraguavan charnpions Olimpia, lost 1-0.



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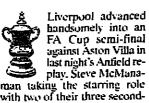
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# Liverpool shatter Leeds' ambition

Football

JON CULLEY Leeds United



man taking the starring role with two of their three secondhalf goals after Leeds' attempts to resist finally cracked against a side determined to keep their Double ambitions alive. After the tedious stalemate

at Elland Road 11 days ago, the expectation was that last night's re-match would be approached with no less caution. In fact, it was a much more

open contest. Leeds had restored Gary McAllister and Tony Yeboah to their starting line-up after resting both in last Sunday's Premiership draw against Everton. Howard Wilkinson also played Gary Speed, four weeks after sustaining his cheek-houe fracture.

Yeboah's early inclinations were positive but he proved less of a threat initially than Leeds themselves encountered from McManaman's runs through the middle against the youthful Mark Ford. If anyone seemed with an early goal it was one of these forwards, the Ghanaian and the Englishman. McManaman posted the first encouraging notice with a 10th-minute attempt dragged wide, to which Yeboah responded with a range-finder of his own that David James followed past his

left hand post. After his rest, the African seemed hungry to be involved and it took the solid intervention of the recalled England defender Mark Wright to deny him after McAllister pushed a ball into his path. Later, running on to Brian Deane's flick. Yeboah unleashed a drive that did not clear the crossbar by much.

The first half embraced considerably more incidents, much more than the full 90 minutes at Leeds, Jason McAteer was crucially beaten to Stan Colly-Worthington, but McManaman was wasteful after Yeboah got himself into trouble, allowing the Liverpool forward a clear run and shot. Meanwhile Ford, cautioned for a foul on McManaman, was relieved only to be lectured after following through unnecessarily on Rob Jones.

Leeds worked hard to maintain their defensive discipline but the second half began with Liverpool gathering momen-tum. Robbie Fowler, taking the ball away from Lucas Radebe. had no power in his shot before two more darting runs by McManaman further threatened Leeds' security.

These proved to be the por-tents of the goal that broke the deadlock after 148 goalless minutes in the tie. Fowler's right-to-left diagonal ball was controlled by Jones, whose layoff allowed McManaman to create a different angle for himself on his left-foot before shooting high into the net to John Lukic's right.

There was more to come from the England man in the shape of the second goal. Lu-kic had kept them in the cononce. smothering capable of opening up the tie. Collymore's attempt at closerange, but could do nothing to protect his goal when a sublime one-two with Fowler after 72 minutes, left McManaman. in the clear, able virtually to pass the ball into the net.

Liverpool made sure of their progress six minutes from the end when Fowler splendidly lifted the ball over the Leeds wall to score direct from a free-

Leeds United (5:3-2): Luke; Kelly, Palmer Pemberton, Radebe, Worthington; Ford (Gray 60), McAllister, Speed; Deane, Yeboah, Sab stitute not used: Beesley, Brofin, Refereat D Gallagher (Banbury).

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Mark Ford (left), of Leeds, and Liverpool's Robbie Fowler tussle at Anfield last night

#### **Harford bids Duberry destroys Dons** for Flitcroft

Blackburn Rovers made two surprise moves in the transfer market yesterday, offering Manchester City £4m for midfielder Garry Flitcroft and Grimsby Town £1m for full-back

Gary Croft. City, battling to stave off relegation, are likely to accept the offer to create funds for new signings. The loss for City is mitigated by the fact they were were expecting to lose Fliteroft for disciplinary reasons in the relegation run-in.

Croft, a former England Under-21 defender, would replace Graeme Le Saux, who is re-More reports, results, page 26 covering from a broken leg.

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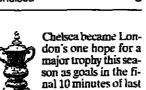
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major trophy this season as goals in the final 10 minutes of last night's tumultuous FA Cup quarter-final replay chester United.

missed a penalty Chelsea appeared to have lost the initiative when Wimbledon equalised before half-time. But the match turned again as Duberry headed home John Spencer's cross in the 80th minute. Four minutes later Hughes tapped in a third following the last of many inspirational contributions from

Roud Gullit. Wimbledon began without their leading scorer. Dean Holdsworth, whose header at Inevitably, as Wir Stamford Bridge had earned a replay. A long shot from Osvind Leonhardsen and a diving head-

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scored a spectacular own goal when it let slip that football sup-porters would not be encour-

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er from Vinnie Jones gave Chelsea cause for unease within the first quarter of an hour.

The visitors, orchestrated by Gullit, passed fit after flu, responded. After 20 minutes, a smooth interchange of passes of the kind which has typified Chelsea's play this season ended with Craig Burley knocking the ball inside Wimbledon's left-back, Alan Kimble, to send Dan Petrescu to the right byline. from Michael Duberry and The Romanian international Mark Hughes earned them a chose to shoot rather than cross semi-final tie against Man- and gave Chelsea the lead with a drive high into the far corner

After Dennis Wise had of the net. Hughes, with a close-range header, and Wise, with a low drive, nearly doubled the margin within two minutes. When Petrescu beat the defensive cover again in the 24th minute and Kimble brought him down, the match appeared to have tipped decisively.

Wise, however, tried unsuccessfully to place the penalty inside the post, allowing Neil

Inevitably, as Wimbledon swept forward, the chance of a break was there, and Gullit nearly broke the post with a

Railway hits Euro 96 buffers

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Scarborough Council, which has spent £25,000 on hotel and food for the Bulgarian team and

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35th-minute drive after a me-

andering run. But the pressure told in the 38th minute as Efan Ekoku's near-post cross from the right was glanced home by Jon Goodman's forebead.

Chelsea might still have gone in with a half-time lead after a free-kick from Wise - who earned a booking for delaying it - found David Lee completely unmarked at the far fender drove over the bar.

There was similar lack of composure in the Chelsea defence early in the second half. First, Goodman narrowly failed to profit from a weak backheader, and then Robbie Earle, unmarked, drove wide.

The pace of the match remained unrelenting, and a foul on Hughes earned Kenny Cunningham a booking to add to that of his Wimbledon team-mate Mick Harford, who had flattened Terry Phelan in the first half. Wimbledon (4-3-3): Sullivan; Currungham (Castlecine, SS), Blackwell, Perry, hamble; Ear-le, Jones, Leonhamber; Goodman, Bloku, Har-ford (Gayle, 85). Substitute not used: Thorn, Chelsea (3-5-2): Highrootic Clarke, Duberry Lee, Clarke; Petresou, Gulfit (Purtong, 86), Burley, Wide, Phelan: Spancer (Peacock, 85), Hughes, Substitute and used: Johnsen.

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Don Robinson, a Scarbor-

ough businessman, said: "Rail

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Sport and Tourism, Tom Pendry,

said he found the decision "in-

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tisement for Britain", while

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to Leeds and Newcastle.

# Cantona on cue again for United

Manchester United

Britain's biggest gathering this season, the first of more than 50,000, left Old Trafford with mixed feelings last night. Their delight at Manchester United's victory, secured by Eric Cantona's stunning 65th-min-utes goal, was tinged with dis-appointment that all their pressure on Arsenal did not produce the second which would have disloged Newcastle from

the Premiership's summit. Like the leaders on Monday, United made enough openings Schmeichal was sufficiently al- out his right foot. tert to thwart both Glenn Helder and John Harton in traffic, even if United failed to the closing stages.

the first half, the Arsenal goal was only the fourth minute, a flurry of first-time touches gave Ryan Giggs a chance which chance forced David Seaman into the first of several excel-

Seaman's righthand post twice came to Arsenai's rescue. After 10

minutes, Roy Keane's diagonal drive came back off the upright. surprising Lee Sharpe, who failed to respond as the ball fell to him barely a yard out. Andy Cole's follow-up shot was blocked with some desperation.

As if Seaman were not preoccupied with stemming the crimson tide, David Platt put him under pressure with an ill-judged back-pass. Unfortunately for United, Cole had to turn before taking aim, which allowed the keeper to impose his body in the way. The deflected shot bobbled to safety off the same piece of woodwork.

Several audacious dummies. notably by Eric Cantona, added to Arsenal's bewilderment, though the more conventional route of the far-post cross brought United their best opportunities before the interval. Sharpe was the provider and

Cole the target, but his first header was diverted behind by Andy Linighan and the second found Seaman plunging to catch.

were few and far between. Hartson, sent through by Paul Mer-son, gave Philip Neville a chance to show the ability that have brought an England call-up. Hartson also broke out midway through the first half, but sup-plied Ian Wright when Dennis Bergkamo was ummarked and screaming for the bail. Wright forced wide, failed to trouble Peter Schmeichel but the United keeper had to make a crucial reflex save early in the second half.

Phillip Neville's clearance dropped nicely for Hartson, to win several games, but they who's drive was on its way into were thankful that Peter the net until Schmeichel snaked

test Seaman. The ensuing shot,

high into the Stretford End. resembled a defender's clearance. With United struggling to recapture their fluency, it was not surprise to see Paul Scholes tak-However, just when Arsenal were starting to look altogether more

comfortable their goal fell. There appeared little imminent danger as Cantona moved on to a headed clearance 25 yards out. Arsenal clearly thought as much, failing to close down the Frenchman as he drew back his right foot. A vicious shot dipped over Seaman and struck the underside of the bar before nestling in the net.

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Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD

A saga with more twists and turns than a Henry Paul run has taken a fresh tack with the announcement of a Global League featuring the 311 players aligned with Super League in Australia and set up on their behalf by Maurice Lindsay.

The Rughy League's chief executive has drawn up a fixture list for a 10-teum competition. although it is not known where the new teams will play or what they will be called. The move is the latest attempt

to find a way round a judge's rul-

ing that Rupert Murdoch's Aus-

own competition this weekend - bvo weeks' late - but will be without scores of the best players in the country, who are adamant that they will not play for the ARL following the failure of compromise moves.

Rugby League is due to start its

The ARL will undoubtedly go to court again to try to get orders supping the launch of the Global League, Although Lindsay and the players say they are com-plying with the court orders by having nothing to do with Super League's backers at News Cor-poration, the ARL will argue

that Global League is merely a Trojan horse, pointing out that Lindsay is also Super League's

chief executive in Europe. up the Global League could res- any meeting.

The victorious Australian cue the World Club Champi-undby League is due to start its onship, with which the Super League seasons in both hemispheres were meant to climax. "The Rugby Football League in England are not actively investing in the competition, al-

though they are of course allowing me to put the Global League structure together," Lindsay said in Sydney vester-day, adding that he had sponsorship and television deals in negotiation. The ARL chairman, Ken

Arthurson, has said that he is prepared to fly to England for peace" talks with the RFL aimed at solving the impasse over international fixtures. The deputy speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Geoffrey Loft-Lindsay believes that setting house, has been asked to chair

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